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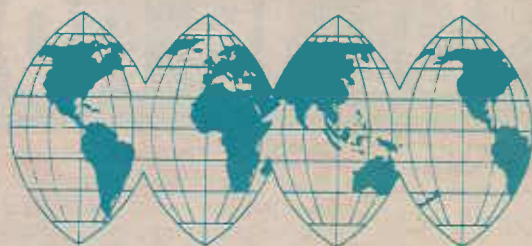
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**ASF
chief
angry**

BY

TOM ANDERSON

ASF chairman John Constantine is disgusted and angry at the treatment handed out to soccer by the ABC, our national broadcasters.

Constantine has declared he just cannot believe the ABC could make such a decision only eight months after agreeing to a deal.

"We agreed to give the soccer rights to the ABC in good faith and honesty," Constantine said yesterday.

"The negotiations were conducted by ABC general manager David Hill who fought tooth and nail to get it.

"The last thing we expected to happen, was for the ABC and Hill to renege on the deal"

DISGRACE!



ASF Chairman John Constantine

ABC TV decision is just not on

BY TOM ANDERSON

THOUSANDS of fair minded sportsfans throughout Australia are up in arms and thoroughly disgusted by the ABC decision to pull the plug on local soccer after completing only eight months of a four year agreement.

The public at large just cannot accept this un-Australian behaviour by the ABC.

ABSW has been bombarded by phone calls and letters over this serious breach of faith.

And, what has made matters worse is an alleged arrogant comment from certain ABC officials to the Australian Soccer Federation.

"If you don't like it, you can go to court," was the alleged statement.

And if court action does take place - and this now seems certain, it will be the taxpayers money the ABC will be spending.

In such a financial climate as is rife at present here in Australia this is nothing less than abhorrent.

The reason behind the ABC stance has been given as budget restraints and spending cuts.

But the fans and the ASF just cannot comprehend how our national broadcaster can enter a deal with a national sporting organisation, then walk away without honouring the agreement.

What is now being asked is - is there no longer honour or trust in the ABC?

The ABC and its general manager David Hill fought hard to win the soccer rights in the face of a stiff challenge from the SBS network.

Leading politicians in Canberra who recently came out in force to help save rugby league club Canberra Raiders from financial disaster - a club which cheated when it flouted the salary cap, have so far failed to respond to letters sent to them by the ASF on this matter.

If this situation continues, they too are just as guilty as the ABC.

And by the reaction of the fans, this will be something which will not be forgotten at the next Federal election.

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CONGRATULATIONS are due to Australia Post on their latest issue of four new stamps depicting popular sports in this country.

Included in this latest collection is one featuring soccer.

And it is nothing less than marvellous to see soccer being recognised at long last.

This latest series from Australia Post is devoted to competitive sports.

They will be issued on Thursday, with the soccer stamp first issue postmarked at Parramatta, the cradle of soccer in this nation.

On sale will be a commemorative envelope featuring our finest player, Frank Farina (as shown here).

Australia Post has done soccer proud and now sets an example for more to follow.

THE EDITOR.



NSL is now getting on the ball

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

ANOTHER NSL season is nearly upon us and even at this early stage a new maturity is already being shown by the majority of our clubs towards their coaches which augers well for the future of the game.

The normal practice in the past had been for most clubs to place the blame for a disappointing season squarely — and in many cases quite

unfairly, onto their coach. More often than not, this has resulted in the appointment of a new man only for him to be smartly replaced by someone else when the expected instant miracles failed to materialise.

How anyone in their right mind can expect ultimate success to be achieved in the short span of one solitary season is terribly difficult to understand yet that is precisely what was demanded.

On the few odd occasions that success was gained immediately it proved to be a rare exception rather than the

rule. A quick glance at the record books will soon show the fallacy of that sort of thinking.

Those days are now hopefully well and truly behind us. If the early signs are any indication we may be on the verge of seeing a refreshing new attitude from our leading clubs.

Of the eleven who survived the league's reconstruction which followed the Bradley report's recommendations, no less than nine have retained the coach which they finished last season with.

In addition to that, Melbourne Croatia were also reported to be more than happy to keep the successful Ken Worden at Somers Street, had he not been attracted by the huge offer he received from Malaysia.

Heidelberg therefore became the only club to follow the old routine by their surprise dismissal of Len McKendry after he had taken them back into the league and succeeded in keeping them in it.

Since then, of course, there has also been the surprise dismissal of Vic Fernandez from newly promoted West Adelaide even before a ball had been kicked. Perhaps the less said about that the better, except to say that it could be a strong indication of what can be expected from the league newcomers in the coming year.

Even strugglers like Wollongong City and APIA Leichhardt went along with the spirit of this new era by giving the hard working David Ratcliffe and Manfred Schaefer a chance to finish off the job they had started.

So what has brought about his welcome change to the previously well worn coaching merry-go-round?

There may well be a couple of answers to



"Coaches are a sorry lot," Sydney Olympic coach Mick Hickman could be thinking. Maybe the index finger to ear could be significant, as well as the bowed head. On this occasion Hickman was on the receiving end of a few well chosen words from the match referee.

that. One may simply be a shortage in the ranks of tried and tested experienced men available.

When one considers that the likes of the legendary Rale Rasic remains out of the league, however, or former Socceroo coach Frank Arok from relegated St George, the previously mentioned McKendry or the thoroughly experienced John Margari-tes to name just a few, one begins to wonder if the real underlying reason is a more noble one.

Could it be possible that the major cause for this new outlook is a direct result of a freshly established stability and professionalism in the majority of our leading clubs?

I would certainly like to think so. Very rarely do we see club presidents changing from one season to the next

these days. The likes of Charlie Caruso at Adelaide City, Marconi's Tony Labbozzetta, Sam Vella at Melita and even George Paschalis at the highly volatile and unpredictable Sydney Olympic appear to be firmly in control and have been for a number of years.

All this may provide conclusive evidence that stability starts from the very top. The more continuity there is in a club's administration, the less drama is likely to be provoked.

Heidelberg and West Adelaide on the other hand had a recent shake-up in their committees which may have contributed to the unfortunate but almost predictable consequences.

Stability, whether in administration, coaching or playing staff has got to be the keyword for success. There can

be no better example of this than the new defunct but, in their days, all-conquering Sydney City.

For many years, the Slickers built up a reputation of a cohesive, professionally administered unit in every sense of the word while wealthier, better supported rivals kept lurching from one crisis to another in search of the elusive secret.

There never was and never will be any mysterious secret. The truth of the matter lies in the fact that the less drama there is off the field the more success will be achieved on it. It's as simple and as basic as that.

Hopefully, that lesson is finally being digested by the new, more enlightened band of administrators in control of our clubs. Soccer has no doubt

made a huge leap forward in this country over the last twenty years. The marvellous performance of our Young Socceroos in Portugal recently and the success of the large number of locally produced players now earning their living in Europe is ample proof of that.

Strong indications are now beginning to emerge that a new level of professionalism is at last starting to develop in the running of our leading clubs.

The 1992 NSL season will not kick off for a few more weeks yet but this welcome trend which is undoubtedly appearing, strongly suggests that soccer at long last could be surging forward towards a new respectability with the Australian sporting public — and it's certainly not before time.

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THE UNDER-17 WORLD SERIES

JOHN WARREN REPORTS FROM ITALY

Joeys down Mexico in a tight struggle!

CARRARA — A first half hat-trick from West Adelaide striker Paul Agostino paved the way for Australia's Joeys to beat Central and North American champions Mexico 4-3 in their opening world cup Under 17 match here Sunday evening.

The Joeys opened the scoring in the sixth minute when skipper Anthony Carbone's swirling free kick from wide on the left was headed home by Agostino giving him the first of his three goals in a 26-minute period.

Agostino had a hand in the Joeys' second goal some 10 minutes later.

Skipper Carbone, dominating the midfield with Fabio Macolino, set Agostino free on the right and Agosti-

no's measured far post cross was headed home by Alex Kiratzoglou in the 25th minute.

The Joeys, much on top in every respect, conceded an unfortunate "own goal" against the run of play when Mexico's Mario Garza's 20-metre shot was deflected from Jeoy's defender Aaron Healey past a hapless Australian goalkeeper Steve Wardle.

Briefly the Mexicans threatened until an amazing three minute spell from Agostino, who only won a starting lineup place in the last few days ahead of Vasco Trpceviski.

In the 27 minute he was brought down in the penalty area following a fine solo run, however, referee Lim Kee Chong of Mauritius disallowed an obvious penalty claim.

A minute later Agostino, in a Maradona



Three goal hero Paul Agostino

like solo run beat four Mexican defenders, finally flicking it past Mexican keeper Victor Silva to give the Joeys a 3-1 lead.

Two minutes later it was Agostino again, this time with a magnificent 25 metre left footed dive which ripped into the top of the Mexican net.

Australia continued to dominate the first half going in at half-time 4-1 leaders, but had to replace skipper Carbone, with a reappearance of a minor thigh injury, with Marconi's Darren Iocca in the second half.

After the break, Mexico threw everything at a defence minded Australia, scoring their second goal in the 30th minute through Jorge Toledano, following a goal mouth scrimmage.

Four minutes from full time it was Toledano again with a 20-metre free kick which brought the Mexicans within one goal of a draw.

The final four minutes was desperation stuff for Australia which despite a magnificent first half almost had to share the points.

Australia's next match in Group B is

against Congo today (Tuesday) and on Thursday the Aussies meet Qatar.

Should they make the quarter-finals, they will play on Sunday against the first or second place team's in Group A — the Italy, USA, Argentina, China group.

AUSTRALIA: Wardle, Josevski, Healey, Moore, Dee, Carbone (Iocca, half time), Macolino, Kalogeracos, Kiratzoglou (Trpceviski 60m), Haythornthwaite, Agostino.

MEXICO: Silva, Maldonado, Avendano, Martinez, Astivia, Sanchez (Toledano 35m), Garza, Garcia J., Garcia R., Vega, Trevino (Rodriguez, half time).

SCORERS: Agostino 3, Kiratzoglou for Australia; Toledano 2, Garza for Mexico.

YELLOW CARD: Kiratzoglou 33m for Australia.

REFEREE: I.Y. Lim Kee Chong (Mauritius).

WORLD CUP SCOREBOARD

- **GROUP A:** USA 1 Italy 0, Argentina 2 China 1.
- **GROUP B:** Australia 4 Mexico 3, Congo 0 Qatar 0.
- **GROUP C:** Sudan 4 United Arab Emirates 1, Brazil 2 Germany 0.
- **GROUP D:** Ghana 2 Cuba 1

Italy interested

THE Italian Federation have told ASF executive Tony Labbozzetta, in Italy with the Joeys, that they would like to send their full national team to Australia next year if they don't qualify for the Euro-92 finals in

Sweden.

Italy's hopes of making the last eight in Sweden are remote at best.

Even if they beat the Soviet Union in Moscow on October 12, they will have to rely on the Soviets dropping two more points (to Norway and Hungary) while Italy runs up a cricket score against Norway and Cy-

prus — an unlikely scenario.

If Italy fail to qualify, they are committed to two matches against the USA in America the last week of May.

The ASF is keen to get the Italians to play the Socceroos either before or after their US visit — and the Italian Federation would be happy to oblige.

Vieri misses out

WHILE eligible to play for Australia, young Christian Vieri, now with Torino in the Italian First Division, will be too old to appear for the Young Socceroos at the next Youth World Cup to be staged in Australia.

The competition will

be held in March 1993, six weeks after Vieri will have turned 20 — and the event is restricted to players under the age of 20.

Vieri, son of former Marconi star Roberto, is a naturalised Australian, though he was born in Bologna.

He arrived in Australia with his dad at the age of five.

His younger, Austra-

lian-born brother, Massimo, is also being tipped as a potential star.

The 13-year-old has been drawing rave notices too, in Prato's youth team.

Christian Vieri, for his part, continues to hold his place in Torino's first team and may be in their line-up against Frank Farina's Bari on September 1 when the First Division kicks off.

Uruguay want to visit

■ Luis Cubilla, the coach of the Uruguayan team in Italy and who is also in charge of his country's A side after leading Olimpia of Paraguay to victory in last year's Copa Libertadores, is keen to send his national teams — at under 17, 20 or A level — to Australia. All three would be welcome visitors down under.

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■ The squad from the African nation of Congo, not to be confused with the former Congo now known as Zaire, had a nightmarish trip from Brazzaville, the Congolese capital, to Italy. Nine players were stranded in Paris when customs officials found they lacked proper transit visas. The matter was eventually sorted out but the Congolese were the last to arrive. They meet the Joeys today (Tuesday).

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■ All the big wigs from FIFA are in attendance at the under 17 World Cup, as well as several national association presidents. And, of course, there are talent scouts all over the place as several of the teenagers here are expected to be signed up in the next couple of months. Ghanian Nii Lamptey, now a sensation at Anderlecht of Belgium, was discovered at the 1989 World Cup in Scotland.

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■ The brother of Italy

and Juventus superstar Roberto Baggio, Edy, is a member of the Italian squad, the only team that attracted any pre-competition coverage from local media obsessed with off-season transfers and final pre-season training runs.

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■ The parents of eight Australian players so far have arrived in Italy, and more were expected earlier this week.

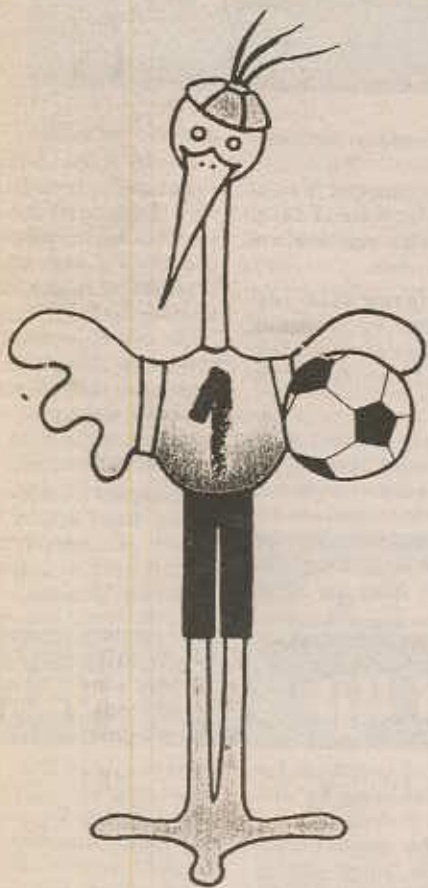
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■ The United Arab Emirates team at the World Cup is coached by an Australian citizen of Arab extraction —

Zia Isaac Benjamin. The 44-year-old was unable to get a coaching position in Australia three years ago

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■ A meeting between FIFA, the referees and the coaches of the 16 finalists determined 48 hours before the kick off of the World Cup that a back pass or a chested ball back to the goalkeeper would be permissible despite the new law forbidding back passes to custodians. Aussie coach Les Scheinflug described the ruling as "confusing".



Piccolo pecking at the Under-17 World Championship

No tournament without a mascot: the Italian Association has created Piccolo to watch over the competitors at the Under-17 Championship in Tuscany. The comical bird, obviously a football fan, is supposed to bring luck to the sixteen teams, the referees and spectators.

AVALA SOCCER CLUB

Coaches wanted for Youth League teams for season 1992.

Applications in writing stating experience any qualifications.

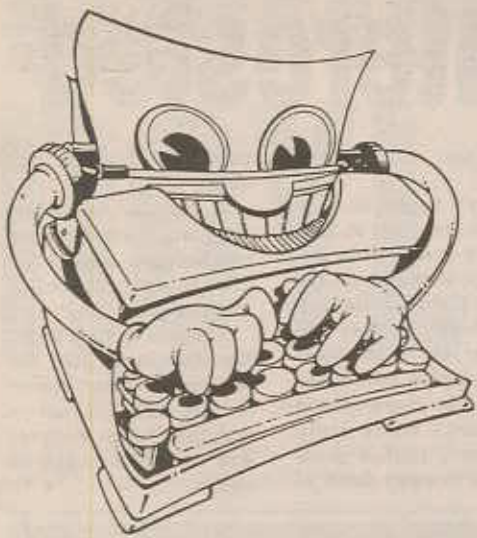
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Avala Soccer Club
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Applications close August 31, 1991.





All-star XI

PLAYERS competing in the FIFA Under-17 World Championship for the JVC Cup from August 16-31 in Italy will have the opportunity to earn a berth on the first-ever MasterCard All-Star Team and help support their favourite charity as well.

A panel comprised of members from the FIFA Technical Study Group will choose one player — 11 in total — at each position for the MasterCard All-Star Team.

The selection will be based on performances during the 32-match tournament, which involves 16 countries.

MasterCard International, an Official Sponsor and the Official Card of the 1994 World Cup will donate \$500 US dollars in the name of each All-Star member to the charity of his choice.

"We are proud to recognise and honour these outstanding young players — the future of world championship soccer," said Alex McKeveny, MasterCard Vice President of Global Marketing.

"At the same time, MasterCard is pleased that our contribution can in some way benefit the worthwhile charities these players have associated themselves with."

MasterCard's support of worldwide charities — tied into international soccer events — began with the 1990 World Cup, when approximately \$60,000 was contributed to various national and international charities on behalf of World Cup players through the MasterCard Award.

The Award was presented to one player in each of the 52 World Cup matches who performed the most outstanding or memorable play of the game. MasterCard also implemented the MasterCard Award program at the 1991 FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Championship in Portugal and plans to continue it at other FIFA tournaments leading up to, and including, the 1994 World Cup.

The members of the FIFA Technical Study Group who will select the MasterCard All-Star Team for the FIFA Under-17 World Youth Championship for the JVC Cup include: Rene Hussy (Switzerland), Oswaldo Ramirez Salcedo (Peru), Jean On-guene Manga (Cameroun), Eduardo Deluca (Argentina), Karl Schlatter (Switzerland) and Walter Gagg (FIFA).

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP AUSTRALIA 1993 THE FIFA/COCACOLA CUP



CRAIG Johnston is set to return to try out with his old soccer club Liverpool in October with a view to possibly returning to Anfield.

Liverpool chief executive Peter Robinson said last week he had spoken to Johnston and they were now waiting to hear back from the Australian.

"We would be very happy to give him an-

other chance to play," said Robinson.

"But what we have said is that he would have to devote himself entirely to football.

"We would want him fully free of commercial activities and from what I understand that should be some time in October.

"The plan is for him to return for a specified period, one month or two months."

Robinson said Johnston, 30, who left the

club halfway through a two-year contract in 1988, would "probably play a few games" during that period.

"I would expect that to be in the second team," said Robinson.

"After a break like he's had it is hard to see him straight back in the top team."

Johnston's interest in reviving his career was first mooted in May after he received a routine two-year contract offer from the club's

new manager Graeme Souness.

That contract was a formality to retain Johnston's registration with the club.

Robinson said any comeback by Johnston would mean devoting himself entirely to playing.

"Craig has a lot of commercial deals. If he comes back as a player, and we have spelt out we would welcome him, he can't be treated any differently from the other

players," he said.

South African-born Johnston, a product of Newcastle school soccer, quit Liverpool after the club's defeat by Wimbledon in the 1988 FA Cup final.

He said he wanted to return to Australia to look after his 29-year-old sister Faye who was seriously injured in an accident in Morocco.

Liverpool considered taking legal action for breach of contract, but eventually accepted Johnston's decision.

Gazza survives

RECENTLY-appointed Heidelberg coach Gary Cole is lucky to be alive after a horror road smash last weekend.

Cole suffered severe facial and lower body injuries when his car collided with a semi-trailer outside Wagga as he returned to Melbourne from his Canberra home late last Sunday.

He was taken to Albury Base Hospital, where he was operated on last week.

Cole is expected to be out of action for up to four weeks, but Heidelberg has rallied behind its former legendary goalscorer.

The club committee met late last week to discuss the situation and how best to support its new coach.

Committeeman Nick Katsakis said that assistant coach John Kennedy would take charge of the team until Cole was fit and ready to resume his duties, whenever that may be.

"All we are concerned about at this stage is Gary's health and well being", he said.

"Our thoughts are with him and his family".



Gary Cole with AIS coach Ron Smith

A source close to the Cole family said that the former Socceroo striker had recieved support from many in the soccer fraternity.

"Despite this setback, knowing Gary, he will fight back hard", said the family friend.

"He will be a great NSL coach".

The staff of ABSW wishes Gary, his wife Roz, and all of his family the best for a speedy recovery.

Reid takes up new post

FORMER National Soccer League player John Reid has been appointed for a two year term as Australian national women's coach.

Reid takes over from Steve Darby who resigned the position after the Australian team was eliminated from the World Cup competition in May by New Zealand.

Reid is a level four Australian Soccer Federation coach and works full time as regional di-

rector of coaching for the Rockhampton and District Federation.

"John appreciates that elite female players have outstanding skills and the Australian Women's Association is looking forward to the building of the national team," said Australian Women's Soccer Association executive director Heather Reid.

Australia has agreed to provide the New Zealand team with three warmup matches prior to the women's World Cup finals in China in November.

Reid's first task will be to select the 1991-92 squad during the national championships in Canberra next month from which the team will be selected to travel to New Zealand.

He will also be in charge of the Australian Under 23 squad to compete in the Oceania Shield next June.

National Youth coach Peter Kelly is also preparing his squad for three tests against the New Zealand Youth team in Melbourne early next month.

Berries hit bumper form

CANTBURY M'VILLE 6
MANLY NS UNTD 1

AFTER a few ordinary results Canterbury burst back into contention with a comprehensive 6-1 win against bottom dogs Manly North Shore United at Arlington Oval on Sunday.

The Berries nearly opened their account in the 15th when Nick Oustambasidis made a run and his shot rebounded off the upright.

Three minutes later Kenny Slavski took the ball down the left flank, after a good interception and crossed nicely for Oustambasidis whose shot was blocked by Andrew Prentice. The rebound fell to Zoran Ilic, however, who calmly drove the ball into goal.

A shot for the visitors by Mark Butler was turned away by George Bouhoutsos, before they equalised in the 31st minute.

A good build up involving Craig McGregor, John Doyle and Butler led to a cross by Phil Moss which was met with a perfect glancing header by youngster Matthew Lowe at the near post.

That did not signal a change of fortunes, though, as Canterbury soon was back in front.

Peter Katholos was unattended as he crossed the ball from a mere six metres to the waiting Oustambasidis whose first shot was parried by Prentice, but bundled over the line by the prowling Louis Dounis.

Zoran Ilic gave his ride a comfortable half time lead when in the 38th he nipped in to dispossess a defender, cut the ball



back and after a partial clearance, Oustambasidis slammed in the rebound at point blank range.

Ilic continued where he left off in the first half when he intercepted a back pass in the 48th and had an easy tap in for Canterbury's fourth.

Ilic and Kon Tsousidis combined to set up Dounis for number five in the 69th.

Craig McGregor made a couple of good runs which ended in tough rearguard acting being taken to deny the player as he made to shoot on both occasions, showing the home side's steel at the back.

Tsousidis did well in the 83rd to set up Dounis for his hat-trick, not long after the same player had made the miss of the game from right in front.

It was a great day for Canterbury who should make life hard for Blacktown this coming weekend, on this showing.

CANTBURY-MAR-RICKVILLE: Bouhoutsos, Rezo, Radman, Yankos, Slavski, Kalageros, Katholos, Tsousidis, Ilic, Dounis, Oustambasidis (Parson 82).

MANLY NORTH SHORE UNITED: Prentice, Clantar, Medanlc, Doyle, Milicevic, McGregor (White 82), O'Carroll, Moss (Greenaway 53), Farac, Lowe, Butler.

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc.

Freshie in big business

WARRINGAH F WATER 5
POLONIA 0

WARRINGAH quickly got down to business at Cromer Park against lowly Polonia and had the ball in the back of the opposition net within a few minutes.

Young 'keeper Gary McGee could not hold onto a cross by Rob de Ceglie after a free kick and Wayne Pierce slammed the loose ball home.

Not long after, Pierce had another, heading down another cross, this time by Anthony Versi; at the far post, following a short corner. Pierce put enough on the ball to beat McGee who was then replaced, but it made little difference for Polonia who were soon three behind.

A well orchestrated free kick by de Ceglie nodded on by Gomez fell for Glenn Sterrey who



JOSE IRIARTE

was able to steer the ball into the net.

In the second half and aiming to improve their goal difference Warringah met some resistance but not enough to stop Jose Iriarte helping himself to two more goals.

On the hour Iriarte outpaced the defence to eventually lob the ball over the keeper's head and sixteen minutes later again showed great speed to burst away and go round the goalie, before placing Warringah's fifth into an empty net.

This was a game Warringah knew had to be theirs and there was never any doubt about the outcome, with three valuable points there for the taking.

WARRINGAH FRESH-WATER: Gunning, Etherington, Brown, Sterrey, Pierce, Miranda, Versi, Masl, de Ceglie, Iriarte, Gomez (Field 75).

POLONIA: McGee (Townsend 12), M. Richardson, Cooper (Straszewski 52), Lasek, Gatt, Hinton, Caruso, Kwasniewski, Casserley, P. Richardson, Nowicki.

REFEREE: Gary Power.

Shire stumble on the last lap home

SUTHERLAND 1
AVALA 2

SUTHERLAND failed to wrap up the premiership as they had been expected to, when they went down to Avala 2-1 at home on Sunday.

After seventy minutes the scores were still blank with the Sharks looking well in control, but unable to get the ball in the net.

This changed in the 70th minute when substitute Harry Christodoulou, who created big problems as soon as he came on, got the ball over from the byline for Grant Bard to tuck inside the left post from a range of six metres.

Only two minutes later, Avala was on level terms, Stephen Berry beating Paul Dart with a snap shot from the edge of the box.

Five minutes from time Chris Ackerley put over a cross which big Geoff Biscaya could not clear succeeding only in seeing the ball bounce off his chest back to Ackerley.

The Avala substitute returned the ball to the par post where Boban Ivastanin put away the winner with an easy shot.

It was hardly the finish Sharks coach Bill Rigby had been planning and he was, not surprisingly, one of the first to leave the ground, his players able to gauge his reaction easily.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Edmunds, Ensor, M. O'Shea, Biscaya, R. O'Shea, Brandtman (Christodoulou 66), Leney, Clinch, Bard, Sharp (Lardis 76).

AVALA: Pupovac, Drien (Ackerley 70), Radovic, Radosavljevic, Vrankovic, Berry, Kupresanin, Ivastanin, El All, Vukmircvic, Fitzharris.

REFEREE: Alex Spirovski.

Downed by a king hit

SYDNEY MACEDONIA 0
ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2

ENJOYING an even share of possession early on, Sydney Macedonia went down 2-0 to Rockdale after being hit with two goals in six minutes towards the end of the first half at Jensen Park.

A long ball in by Richard Buchanan reached the penalty spot and after a melee when the ball started to bounce around the area, David Segreto managed to scramble the ball over the line in the

36th minute.

John Filan came out to collect a cross from Zlatko Markovski in the 42nd, the ball arriving from about 40 metres out on the right side.

Filan was unable to gather the ball, as Scott Deveridge got in a header first and the ball had enough on it to trickle over the line.

Theo Kotsias had missed sitters for the home side early on and they proved costly.

Later on Andy Koczka and Zoki Adioski both missed easy chances, the former falling over the ball after a good run into the box and the

latter having a shot saved and the rebound being saved as well by the agile Tony Franken.

Billy Pilovski hit a free kick against the underside of the bar from 30 metres, but the kick had to be retaken and in another close call for Ilinden, Koczka headed wide from a perfect Sasha Bozovski cross.

It was not Macedonia's day and Rockdale should now be securely in the top five series.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Filan, Sourls, Crkovski, Reveley, Pilovski, Koczka, Surjan, Bozovski, Kotsias (Fernandez 67), Gilbert (Adioski 30), Kadric.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Franken, Segreto, Leonard, Ralevski, Buchanan, Deveridge, Naumovski, Markovski (Mora 70), Wilson, Porter, Beddoni (Lazarevski 55).

REFEREE:

ROUND 21

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS 0 BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (McKinna).

CANT/M'VILLE 6 (Ilic 2, Dounis 3, Oustambasidis) MANLY NTH SHORE UNTIED 1 (Lowe).

CANBERRA METRO 1 (Pratezina) BHP AUSTRALO.

WARRINGAH F/WATER 5 (Pierce 2, Sterrey, Iriarte 2) POLONIA 0.

SUTHERLAND 1 (Bard) AVALA 2 (Berry, Ivastanin).

SYDNEY MACEDONIA 0 ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Segreto, Deveridge).

on his toes, coming off his line to smother on more than one occasion, although poor finishing hampered by the bumpy pitch conspired to deny the locals a goal they could have deserved.

Missing many regulars, particularly Kevin Hagan and Peter Murray, but also Birol Serbtas and Claudio Canosa, Districts were not daunted by the task and came out of the game with credit.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Pezzano, Gregson, Sacco, Moon, Cheung, Caramella, Genc, Senol, Genovese, Card, Cun (Ozcan 46), Tappia (R. Pillemer 70).

BLACKTOWN CITY: M. Gibson, Mifsud, Langon, Northam, Mason, Xeureb, Williams, McKinna, Bourke, Helghway (McArdle 62), Gunning.

REFEREE:

City hang on

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS 0
BLACKTOWN CITY 1

BLACKTOWN took a fifth minute lead against Southern Districts at Rangers Stadium and hung on to win 1-0, despite a late scare when Bruno Ciara mella's pile driver cannoned off the post.

The goal was a gem, Craig Williams' cross being headed in by the unmarked Lawrie McKinna past a bemused Tony Pezzano, who stood glued to his line.

The threat of Geoff Gunning was nullified and Blacktown never really troubled Pezzano again and it was the plucky, understrength home side which made most of the running thereafter.

Mike Gibson was kept

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Kealy a Pom!

EXCLUSIVE

FORMER Polonia prospect David Kealy, who has been playing most recently in the Polish First Division with Legia Warsaw, has been snapped up by English Second Division outfit Millwall.

Kealy, always ambitious to break into a major nation's soccer scene, turned down an offer by Legia for the new season and instead trialled with Ipswich, before securing a three month contract with the South London club.

Kealy, as keen as mustard and a very hard worker, had scored once from his full back position for Ipswich in friendly games, impressing the local scribes, but was unable to win a permanent place at Portman Road.

At Millwall the twenty

one year old will be staying in nearby Peckham and will be the first to training each morning as he attempts to win a full season contract with the Lions.

This could be another success story along the lines of Craig Johnston, for Kealy was recognised at Polonia as a player with dedication, but not blessed with a huge array of individual skills.

Kealy had been in Poland for two seasons and earned considerable respect, but his determination is bound to pay off on the more prestigious grounds at Britain.

He will be only a short walk from the Millwall ground at Coldblow Lane in contract to his Polish experience where he had to board a long distance bus and travel along snowbound streets in deep midwinter at the crack to dawn to attend obligatory training sessions.



Metro is back in hunt

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Metro put itself firmly back on line for a final five place with a 1-0 win over Newcastle Austral-BHP at Deakin Oval on Sunday.

The result put an end to a lengthy Newcastle run of success with the northern NSW outfit looking very ordinary in what was generally a patchy game.

Doug Elphic startled the Metros early on with a header flashing wide of the post, but it was to be one of just a handful of occasions that the home defence was seriously stretched.

More typical was an effort by Canberra's lively forward, Andrew Ravanello, which ended with Ralph Maier cleaning up.

There was to be no such let-off for Newcastle in the 29th minute when one of the best passages of play in the game got due reward. Tony Lemezina pushed the ball wide to Michael Musitano on the left and Musitano's cross was met on the run by Zoran Pratezina who bundled the ball over the line from close range.

Canberra was not helping its cause by conceding free kicks in dangerous areas. From one of them Bobby Naumov found Nick Meredith, but from an excellent position he could do no more than head straight into the air, the ball dropping quietly into goalkeeper Paul Jones' hands.

Doug Marcina, as steady as ever in the backline, sent Ravanello away early in the second half but under

pressure from two defenders he could do no more than shoot weakly and straight into Craig Carter's hands.

With Pratezina, who had been so much an influence on the game in the first 45 minutes, beginning to fade, the Metros lost their sharpness moving forward. Two of their best remaining chances fell to Joe Galletti: the first, from another powerful Musitano cross, was pushed over the bar by Craig Carter, then, after taking advantage of Andrew Roberts' failure to clear, he drove his shot into the side netting when the angle suggested a pass would have been the better option.

"Newcastle is a tough side at the best of times and on this hard, bouncy pitch there were bound to be some physical challenges," coach Tom Sermanni

said afterwards.

"Pratezina had a great first half, but I could see he was making the kind of long, wide runs which are really not his job, and that left him with little to spare as the game wore on.

"Still, I can't argue with the fact he got the winner.

"Essentially we need to beat Manly-North Shore next Saturday to be certain of making the finals and with home advantage I'm fairly confident of that."

CANBERRA METRO: Jones, Marcina, Vanzetti, Koch, Rogic, Pratezina, Ravanello, Galletti, Musitano (Beltrame 78), Lemezina, Dukic.

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL-BHP: Carter, Roberts, McWhirter, Boogard, Stewart, Tredinnick, Meredith, Maier, Elphic, Naumov, Bailey (Calma-kamis 79).

REFEREE: Eric Cohen.
CROWD: 343.

Goal famine!

THE Second Division stumbled its way towards the semi finals with an array of lacklustre displays, including three scoreless draws and just nine goals, five of which came in an exciting 3-2 victory for Cyprus over a disappointed Granville.

With one round still to play, the make up of the Top Five is now clear after Cyprus United showed Granville the door, and Mt Pritchard picked up a point, following their 0-0 draw at Mt Druitt.

United, unbeaten at home in their last nine outings, were superb in the opening 45 minutes, effectively killing off Granville's semi final aspirations after racing to a 3-0 lead after just 35 minutes.

Hatzitofis collected the first after two minutes from the penalty spot after Arpello was felled, the dose repeated by Hatzitofis in the 20th minute following a handball.

The hole for Granville widened in the 15th minute, losing a player for dissent, before Hatzitofis collected his hat trick, unleashing a superb left foot drive following a fine solo run in the 35th minute.

Cyprus lost their way a little after the interval, conceding two goals in a minute, Alex Aroujo from the spot and Craig Jones bagged the goals in the 48th and 49th minutes, before United steadied the ship to move up to third.

The Central Coast were the only other winners last weekend, extending Port Hacking's record to nine losses on the trot following their 2-0 win at Plum Park.

The Coasters while in command for much of the game, never really took control until Robbie Whyte broke the deadlock with a fine header following a corner on the hour.

Derek Caisley finished a fine movement involving Mark Drysdale and Ian Vaughan a minute from time for the home side's second win on the trot.

Dulwich Hill remained second, after extending their unbeaten run to six, following their 0-0 draw at Campbelltown.

The visitors, having not conceded a goal in their previous three outings came up against a Campbelltown outfit unable to find the net in their last two.



Kevin Farrar best served Dulwich Hill's cause with a solid display between the sticks, while young Norman Tome was forever a thorn in Campbelltown's side as he drove the visitors forward.

Although far from outplayed, Campbelltown rarely threatened the visitors goal, while Nelio Borges had three clear opportunities to seal the issue for Dulwich Hill, including a glaring miss hit over the top, a metre from the line.

Waverley extended their fine unbeaten run to 16 and opened the gap at the top to an amazing ten points, following their battling 1-1 draw at lowly Gladesville.

Neither side offered much imagination throughout the opening 45 minutes with the respective keepers never really tested.

Paul Mamo, how-

ever, should have given the home side an early lead but fluffed his chance from right in front after only two minutes.

Joe Watson's appearance ten minutes into the second period settled the Champions, who should have taken the lead on the hour.

Paul Harriott won possession following an error at the back, before crossing the ball for Rudi Jerkovic, who should have done better than spraying the ball over the bar.

Eric Ferguson showed his class to break the deadlock seven minutes from time, putting the ball away under pressure from two defenders and the keeper after Eddie Tesoro fired in a cross from the right.

Bernie Voloder equalised for the home side three minutes from the end hitting in a free kick that deflected home off the unfortunate Terry Palapanis.

In other matches, Mt Pritchard cemented fifth place following their tough 0-0 draw at Mt Druitt, while Peter-sham again failed to trouble the scorers for the third successive match, following their scoreless draw at home to Auburn.

Last round to decide finals

Thanks to Sutherland stumbling at the penultimate hurdle, on Sunday, against Avala, the premiership race and indeed the top five championship series is still very much alive as we enter the last round.

With 44 points on the board the Sharks need only one point from their game with Polonia to secure the trophy, unless Blacktown can defeat the very strong Canterbury side by at least nine goals at the Gabbie.

It is more likely that Bill Rigby's men will see off Polonia's challenge

with a win, maybe a narrow one if the tension cannot be broken easily.

Blacktown were not convincing at Southern Districts and may find Canterbury a real handful as the visitors are sure to be firing. They need a win to stave off the challenge of Warringah Freshwater and their superior goal difference would be the trick if they could beat the Demons.

Blacktown, hoping for a last minute lapse by Sutherland, will settle for nothing less than a win and should just about get it.

A loss might not be the end for the Berries if Warringah cannot get a

point at least from BHP Austral in Newcastle.

That game should be a top fixture, a game which is very hard to pick, but we expect a draw with goals hard to come by there, although Australs have nothing left to play for now.

Rockdale meets Avala at the Serbian Centre and has a chance to push for a higher spot and even overtake Blacktown, should they slip up. A Rockdale win is anticipated in this Yugoslav derby attraction.

Canberra completes the finals contenders in action with a double header against Manly North Shore.

A six point haul would see them in the five for sure and they must get the two wins to be sure of finishing ahead of both Canterbury and Warringah, even though one win would be enough, if either of those sides loses.

We expect them to get five out of six at the very minimum and their top five prospects are as anyone's.

Warringah cannot afford a scoreless draw at Austral Park, for if Canterbury gets a score draw at the Gabbie then they are sunk.

The remaining game between Southern Districts and Sydney Macedonia gives Mike Johnson's men a chance to collect more points and finish with a highly respectable tally for a season which began slowly and despite a growing injury list has finished on a very positive note.

TOP GOAL SCORERS

13 Lawrie McKinna (Black).

11 Grant Bard (Sutherland).

10 Jose Iriarte (Warr), Scott Gilbert (Syd Mac), Louis Dounis (Cant).

9 Bruno Beddoni (Rock), Stewart Porter (Rockdale).

8 Tony Lemezina (Canb).

7 Robbie O'Shea (Suth).

6 Paul Foster (Canb), Darryl Sharp (Suth), Ralph Maier (Australs), John MacKie (Warr), Zoran Ilic (Cant).

5 Randell Easthorpe (Black), Osvaldo El Ali (Avala), Geoff Gunning (Black), Stephen Berry (Avala), Scott Deveridge (Rock), Nick Oustambasidis (Cant), Wayne Pierce (Warr).

4 Sasha Bozkovski (Syd Macedonia), Anthony Versi (Warr), Sasha Spirovski (Syd Macedonia), Harry Christodoulou (Suth), Rod Wyatt (Pol), John Koch (Canb), Jarek Nowicki (Pol), Dean McWhirter (Australs), Zlatko Markovski (Rock), Tony Parison (Cant).

3 Alex Bundalo (Avala), David Ensor (Suth), Peter Katholos (Cant), Shane Clinch (Suth), Fabian Kadric (Syd Mac), David Lowe (Australs).

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WEEK 317

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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ASTON VILLA	ARSENAL	1	
	EVERTON	MAN. UNITED	2	
	LEEDS	SHEFF. WED.	3	
	LUTON	LIVERPOOL	4	
	MAN. CITY	CRYSTAL P.	5	
	NOTTS C.	NOTTINGHAM F.	6	
	OLDHAM	NORWICH	7	
	Q.P.R.	COVENTRY	8	
	SHEFFIELD UTD.	SOUTHAMPTON	9	
	TOTTENHAM	CHELSEA	10	
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	WIMBLEDON	WEST HAM	11	
	BARNLEY	BRIGHTON	12	
	BRISTOL C.	BLACKBURN	13	
	CAMBRIDGE U.	SWINDON	14	
	DERBY	SOUTHEND	15	
	IPSWICH	MIDDLESBRO	16	
	LEICESTER	PLYMOUTH	17	
	MILLWALL	SUNDERLAND	18	
	NEWCASTLE	WATFORD	19	
	OXFORD UTD.	GRIMSBY	20	
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	PORTSMOUTH	PORT VALE	21	
	WOLVES	CHARLTON	22	
	BURY	SHREWSBURY	23	
	DARLINGTON	WEST BROM.	24	
	EXETER	BRENTFORD	25	
	FULHAM	BIRMINGHAM	26	
	HARTLEPOOL	READING	27	
	HULL	PETERBORO	28	
	LEYTON O.	STOCKPORT	29	
	PRESTON	TORQUAY	30	
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	STOKE	BOURNEMOUTH	31	
	BURNLEY	ALDERSHOT	32	
	CARLISLE	BLACKPOOL	33	
	HEREFORD	SCARBORO	34	
	LINCOLN	ROTHERHAM	35	
	MAIDSTONE	HALIFAX	36	
	MANSFIELD	BARNET	37	
	SCUNTHORPE	DONCASTER	38	
	RESERVE MATCHES			
	ENG. DIV. 4	WALSALL	WREXHAM	39
YORK		GILLINGHAM	40	
G.M. VALX. CONF. LGE.	ALTRINCHAM	YEOVIL	41	
	BARROW	COLCHESTER	42	
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION	BATH	STAFFORD	43	
	FARNBORO	NORTHWICH	44	
	ABERDEEN	CELTIC	45	
	AIRDRIE	MOTHERWELL	46	
	HIBERNIAN	DUNDEE U.	47	
	RANGERS	DUNFERMLINE	48	
	S. JOHNSTONE	HEARTS	49	
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	ST. MIRREN	FALKIRK	50	
	AYR	RAITH	51	
	CLYDEBANK	MONTROSE	52	
	DUNDEE	HAMILTON	53	
	FORFAR	MORTON	54	
	MEADOWBANK	KILMARNOCK	55	

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UK SOCCER RESULTS AND TABLES

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Arsenal 1

Queen's Park Rangers 1

Chelsea 2

Wimbledon 2

Coventry 0

Manchester City 1

Crystal Palace 1

West Ham 2

Sheff Wed 0

Sheff Utd 0

Wolverhampton 1

Tranmere 1

Preston 1

Plymouth 1

Port Vale 1

Middlesbrough 1

Ipswich 1

Bristol Rovers 1

Derby 1

Blackburn 1

Portsmouth 1

Sunderland 1

Bristol City 1

Southend 1

Leicester 1

Swindon 1

Charlton 1

Newcastle 0

Grimsey 1

Barnsley 1

Oxford 1

Millwall 1

Brighton 1

Watford 1

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Blackburn 1

Portsmouth 1

Brighton 1

Tranmere 1

Bristol Rovers 3

Ipswich 3

Grimsey 3

Cambridge 4

Middlesbrough 1

Millwall 0

Plymouth 2

Barnsley 1

Port Vale 2

Oxford 1

Southend 1

Bristol City 1

Sunderland 1

Derby 1

Swindon 0

Leicester 0

Watford 0

Wolverhampton 2

Playing Sunday

Charlton v Newcastle

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Birmingham 3

Bury 2

Bolton 1

Huddersfield 1

Bournemouth 1

Darlington 2

Bradford 1

Stoke 0

Brentford 4

Leyton Orient 3

Chester 2

Fulham 0

Peterborough 1

Preston 0

Reading 0

Hull 1

Stockport 5

Swansea 0

Torquay 3

Hartlepool 1

West Bromwich 6

Exeter 3

Playing Sunday

Shrewsbury v Wigan

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

Barnet 4

Crewe 7

Blackpool 3

Walsall 0

Cardiff 1

Lincoln 2

Chesterfield 3

Maidstone 0

Doncaster 0

Carlisle 3

Gillingham 4

Scunthorpe 0

Halifax 0

Northampton 1

Rochdale 1

York 1

Rotherham 2

Burnley 1

Scarborough 0

Mansfield 0

Wrexham 0

Hereford 0

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen 3

Dunfermline 0

Celtic 4

Falkirk 1

Hearts 1

Rangers 0

Motherwell 1

Hibernian 1

St Johnstone 1

Dundee United 1

St Mirren 1

Airdrieonians 2

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Ayr 3

Clydebank 0

Dundee 3

Meadowbank 1

Hamilton 1

Moreton 1

Partick 1

Kilmarnock 0

Raith 2

Forfar 2

Stirling 2

Montrose 2

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Albion 2

Alloa 1

Arbroath 1

Stranraer 0

Dumbarton 1

Berwick 1

East Fife 2

Queens Park 0

East Stirling 2

Cowdenbeath 3

Queen of the South 1

Stenhousemuir 0

Brechin 2

ENGLISH 1ST DIVISION

Manchester United 1

Sheff Wed 1

Tottenham 1

Liverpool 1

Nottingham Forest 1

Manchester City 1

Chelsea 1

Norwich 1

Wimbledon 1

Sheff Utd 1

Queens Park Rangers 1

Arsenal 1

Luton 1

West Ham 1

Crystal Palace 0

Leeds 0

Sheff Wed 1

Southampton 1

Everton 1

Oldham 1

Coventry 1

Notts County 1

ENGLISH 2ND DIVISION

Wolverhampton 1

Tranmere 1

Preston 1

Plymouth 1

Port Vale 1

Middlesbrough 1

Ipswich 1

Bristol Rovers 1

Derby 1

Blackburn 1

Portsmouth 1

Sunderland 1

Bristol City 1

Southend 1

Leicester 1

Swindon 1

Charlton 1

Newcastle 0

Grimsey 1

Barnsley 1

Oxford 1

Millwall 1

Brighton 1

Watford 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic 3

Aberdeen 3

Hearts 3

Hibernian 3

Rangers 1

Dundee Utd 1

Airdrieonians 1

Motherwell 2

Falkirk 1

St Johnstone 1

Dunfermline 1

St Mirren 1

SCOTTISH 1ST DIVISION

Ayr 1

Dundee 1

Moreton 1

Raith 1

Hamilton 1

Partick 2

Meadowbank 1

Stirling 1

Montrose 1

Kilmarnock 1

Forfar 1

Clydebank 1

SCOTTISH 2ND DIVISION

Clyde 1

Arbroath 1

Dumbarton 1

East Stirling 1

Alloa 1

East Fife 1

Cowdenbeath 1

Albion 1

Brechin 1

Queen of the South 1

Stenhousemuir 1

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Stranraer 1

Queens Park 1



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AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH SOCCER WEEKLY — AUGUST 20, 1991



All is well in lower divisions



Rosebery coach Agenor Muniz.

Although RoseberyPortugal occupy a lower mid table position in the NSW Soccer Federation's Third Division, their off the field success is one of the remarkable recent stories of soccer in the state.

It isn't long ago that they scooped the pool by successfully tendering \$1.65 million and buying the outstanding Fraser Park complex at Sydenham from the State Government.

Club official Joe Marcos asks: "Where can you get an eight acre sports complex handy to Sydney — at any price?"

And where indeed?

To buy Fraser Park is a tremendous achievement, especially as it was in the face of competition from soccer and other interest, and it took a great deal of upfront money as well as a mortgage, which the club is raising funds to pay off.

Also queuing up and hoping for the drop of the auctioneer's hammer were Canterbury Marrickville Soccer Club, who felt that they could commit almost \$1 million of their \$1.5 million funds from the sale of their former Kyeemagh property, a church organisation and the University of NSW.

But what the RoseberyPortugal membership now owns is virtually beyond price.

An excellent football field and grandstand, three tennis courts, ample parking areas, a bowling green and licensed premises.

Already the dining room is serving lunch and dinner to patrons every day of the week.

During the season Rosebery replaced coach Kelly Cross with former Soccerroo Agenor Muniz, and overall the side has done as well as could be expected.

"The priority is one, paying off Fraser Park, and then we will see where we can go in football," Joe Marcos said.

Top sides in Third Division are West Wanderers and Lemnos Allstars.

Coaching West Wanderers is well-known former Soccerroo goalkeeper, Allan Maher.

Maher combines his coaching duties with managing the huge Fairfield Leisure Centre, which is owned by Fairfield City Council.

Amongst West's outstanding players are striker Gary Newsom and midfielder Billy Mannix, formerly with Blacktown City.

In addition the club secured Lawrence Hall and Matt Curmi on loan from

Parramatta Melita Eagles.

Club secretary Fred Taliana pointed out: "The present club is a blend of West United, Holroyd, George Cross and Blacktown Wanderers."

"We are aiming to improve our position in the game, and are looking for a better ground to replace the Harold Reid Reserve at Girraween."

Yet another club to sign an ex-Soccerroo as coach is Lemnos Allstars.

In charge is the inimitable John Doyle — for his second year.

Secretary Stephen Pastrokis said: "We are lucky to have an excel-

lent ground in Camperdown Oval.

"On top of that the Lemnos Club, situated at 44 Albert Street, Belmore, is our parent."

"The club property is worth \$2.1 million."

"Apart from our soccer, the club is very popular for its Friday night discos, Saturday bingo and many other functions."

Don't be surprised if Lemnos comes up with a much improved enclosed football ground for next season.

Another successful club over the years is the University of New South Wales at Kensington.

Leading official Dominic Volpicella said:

"We are fortunate to have Little Bay Oval with its excellent surface as our home."

"Some good players — present students as well as graduates — are in the sides, and Kisi Pusmen is doing a good job as our coach."

"However, we are down below the position we should be in, as examination periods cut into playing and training."

Showing out well in Third Division this year are clubs such as Belmore Hercules and North Ryde, with Hills United and Bathurst 75 also well placed on the table.

One wall that is solid!

Few around now would remember Bob Wall in his playing days.

But the sturdy Wall was at one time a full-back with the famous Granville Magpies, when they were one of the best sides in Australia.

These days he is coach of Western District Hellas, an ambitious club in the NSW Federation League Four.

Their home is Eric Primrose Reserve in Silverwater Rd, Silverwater.

As secretary Con Alexander puts it: "We have a happy bunch of Australian-born boys, drawn from suburbs such as Parramatta, Penrith, Kellyville and Baulkham Hills."

"Our ambition is to move into higher company, and we have our eyes on a couple of better quality grounds."

"Securing one of them will go a long way towards improving our image next season."

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This year Concord Juniors have had the pressure on the top of the Third Division ladder, and club president Cyril Rose is proud of the work put in by the players.

This previous Sydney Amateur League club has been under the control of coach Geoff Taylor, who holds Level 3 qualifications.

Amongst the players is Steve Walker, who some years back toured to New Zealand and Singapore as an Australian amateur international.

Managing the Federation squad is Rocky Masana, who has had 20 years with the club.

Cyril Rose has interesting documents on the Concord club, going back to the 1926 era.

Twice in its history Concord reached State League status, the

second time for a short period after the NSW Soccer Federation was formed in 1957.

Prior to that the Concord District club won the Metropolitan Soccer League competition in 1947, at the stage when it was in effect the Second Division competition in the state.

Back in those days the left-back was Terry Wakeham.

He retained a tremendous interest in the Edwards Park club, travelling down from his Central Coast home to witness the home games for many more years than he would probably

care to remember.

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Chilean-backed Colo Colo club has had a tremendous year.

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The coach is Eduardo Barraza.

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"Our reserve team is under 19, and we have a number of under 19s in first grade."

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STATE LEAGUE

ROUND 22

DIVISION 1

SATURDAY AUGUST 24

Canberra Metros	v	Manly-Nth Shore	Deakin Oval
BHP Austral	v	Warringah F/Water	Austral Park

SUNDAY AUGUST 25

Sydney Macedonia	v	Southern District	Jensen Park
Blacktown City	v	Canterbury M'ville	Gabbie Stadium
Manly-Nth Shore	v	Canberra Metro	Cromer Park
Polonia	v	Sutherland Shire	Chopin Park
Avala	v	Rockdale Ilinden	Serbian Centre

DIVISION 2

SUNDAY AUGUST 25

Campbelltown	v	Waverley	Bensley Road
Mt Druitt Town	v	Central Coast	Popondetta Park
Port Hacking	v	Petersham	Seymour Shaw
Auburn Yugal	v	Gladesville Hby	Mona Park
Dulwich Hill	v	Cyprus United	Arlington Oval
Granville Chile	v	Mt Pritchard	Garside Park

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Sunday 8th September at Griffith Oval, Lofberg Road, West Pymble.

U/11 at 9 a.m.

U/12 at 10 a.m.

U/13 & U/14 at 11 a.m.

U/15 & U/17 at 12 noon

Sunday 15th September at William Cowan Oval, Cowan Road (off Mona Vale Road, St Ives Village Green), St Ives.

U/11 & U/12 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

U/13, 14, 15 & 17 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

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Victorian Premier League



Results

DOVETON 0 FAWKNER 2 (Lucchesi, Retre), THOMASTOWN 0 ST ALBANS 0, CROYDON 0 GREEN GULLY 2 (Becvinovski, Hunter), BULLEEN 3 (Thodis 2, og) OAKLEY 0, B JUVENTUS 3 (Smith 2, Minichiello) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Wright), ALTONA GATE 5 (Todorovski 2, Lingurovski 2, Egan) NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Metaxas), ALBION 6 (MacLeod 2, Douglas 2, Freund, Grimmaud) MOOROOLBARK 1 (Hobson).

Victorian Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bruns.Utd.Juv.	24	15	6	3	43	10	36
Bulleen	24	13	8	3	47	27	34
Morwell Falcons	24	13	5	6	45	27	31
Altona Gate	24	12	6	6	37	24	30
Fawkner	24	10	9	5	33	27	29
Thomastown	24	11	5	8	29	18	27
Albion	24	8	8	8	40	29	24
St.Albans	24	7	10	7	34	32	24
Green Gully	24	7	10	7	29	30	24
Croydon City	24	8	7	9	26	31	23
Oakleigh	24	6	7	11	27	37	19
Mooroolbark	24	7	1	16	24	47	15
Northcote City	24	5	4	15	20	49	14
Doveton	24	0	6	18	8	54	6

MOST EXCITING/PLAYER VOTES UPDATE

LEADING VOTINGGETTERS	LEADING SCORERS
13 Incantalupo (Bull)	15 Becvinovski (GG)
12 MacNichol (Juve)	14 Pondeljak (StA)
11 Gymnopoulos (Nth)	11 Smith (Juve), Pap-pas (Bull)
10 A Cassar (MF), Hodgson (Dove), Smart (GG)	10 McMullen (MF), Hanna (Faw)
9 Becvinovski (GG), Lucchesi (Faw)	9 Egan (AG), McAleer (Thom), Wright (MF), Grbac (Bull)
8 Cocker (Thom)	

VIC SENIORS

STATE LEAGUE DIV ONE							
Knox City	24	10	5	3	32	20	37
Springvale City	25	16	4	5	48	18	36
North Geelong	23	15	5	3	33	15	35
Western Subs.	24	7	11	6	32	30	25
Castfield City	24	9	7	8	28	31	25
Frankston Pines	23	9	7	7	31	35	25
Westgate	23	10	4	9	29	27	24
Werribee	25	8	8	8	32	29	24
Ringwood City	24	5	11	8	24	29	21
Bel Park	23	8	5	10	27	33	21
Mordialloc	25	7	6	12	27	40	18
Merbourne City	24	6	6	12	28	40	18
Esmond City	24	6	6	12	23	39	16
Box Hill	24	6	4	14	21	49	16
Port Melbourne	25	3	9	12	21	45	15
STATE LEAGUE DIV ONE RESERVES							
Knox City	23	15	2	6	36	37	32
Bel Park	22	13	5	5	32	28	32
Springvale City	24	13	5	6	44	27	31
Merbourne City	22	13	5	4	46	23	31
Castfield City	23	12	5	6	41	32	29
Port Melbourne	25	11	7	7	45	37	29
North Geelong	22	9	8	5	35	21	26
Werribee	25	11	4	10	29	26	22
R.Wood City	22	10	5	7	33	24	20
Box Hill	24	8	4	12	34	40	25
Western Subs.	23	6	4	13	29	50	16
Frankston Pines	23	6	4	13	38	60	16
Esmond City	23	3	7	13	28	53	14
Mordialloc	23	4	3	16	27	46	11
Westgate	24	3	5	16	25	68	11
STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO							
Altona City	26	17	6	3	51	25	40
Richmond	24	18	2	4	48	17	38
Broadmeadows	25	12	8	6	42	32	32
Donsland Rovers	25	11	9	6	41	30	31
Chelso	25	13	4	9	47	33	30
Geelong Green	25	12	4	10	50	51	28
Waverley City	25	11	3	12	43	25	24
Clifton Hill	25	9	6	13	36	24	24
Kelso	25	8	9	8	36	24	24
Sandringham	25	8	6	11	26	30	22
Hazelwood City	25	8	4	13	36	40	20
Brighton	26	6	7	13	25	38	19
Geelong	26	6	3	15	27	53	19
Dandenong	26	4	10	12	32	48	18
Suns.Hill City	25	6	13	22	56	18	18
STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO RESERVES							
Clifton Hill	24	18	4	2	63	23	40
Kelso	25	15	6	4	57	23	36
Altona City	24	13	7	6	52	30	33
Richmond	25	13	6	5	55	39	32
Donsland Rovers	25	13	6	7	52	36	32
Brighton	25	11	7	8	44	36	28
Suns.Hill City	25	10	7	8	44	47	27
Chelso	25	8	10	8	53	68	15
Broadmeadows	23	7	11	5	41	35	25
Sandringham	25	9	12	3	52	59	23
Dandenong	26	9	11	25	37	21	27
Waverley City	26	10	1	14	49	57	17
Hazelwood City	25	7	13	4	50	17	27
Geelong Green	25	6	14	44	58	17	17
Sandringham	25	4	14	38	68	15	15
Geelong	25	3	4	19	23	64	10



STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Waverley	21	12	7	0	2	40	21	50
Dulwich Hill	21	8	5	3	4	27	20	40
Cyprus Utd.	21	9	5	1	5	34	30	36
Petersham	21	8	5	3	5	27	21	37
Mt.Pritchard	21	8	6	1	6	27	37	37
Granville	21	8	3	7	27	20	33	
Mt.Druitt	21	8	3	1	9	36	37	31
Asquith	21	7	3	3	8	35	28	30
Camp.Town	21	6	5	2	8	24	24	30
Central Coast	21	7	2	10	27	25	27	
Gl.Ville Hnaby	21	7	2	1	11	25	32	26
Pt.Hacking	21	3	2	0	16	26	61	13

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

Cyprus Utd	21	16	3	1	51	16	55	
Dulwich Hill	21	12	7	1	1	48	24	51
Pt Hacking	21	10	7	0	4	29	31	44
Asquith Y	21	9	8	0	4	36	26	43
Mt Pritchard	21	8	5	2	8	28	25	36
Waverley	21	8	5	0	8	33	26	34
Gl.Ville H	21	8	4	1	8	33	29	33
Petersham	21	5	5	0	11	33	30	25
Central Coast	21	3	7	2	9	22	40	25
Gl.Ville Chis	21	5	5	0	11	20	48	25
Camp town	21	4	3	1	13	34	52	19
Mt Druitt	21	3	3	0	15	19	50	15

FEDERATION LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 1

Lemnos A's	21	12	4	3	2	35	12	47
West.Wand's	21	13	3	2	3	37	19	47
Belmore Hnaby	21	11	4	0	6	28	47	41
North Ryde	21	8	7	2	4	34	26	39
Hills United	21	9	2	2	8	29	27	33
Uni of NSW	21	7	4	2	8	25	31	31
Bathurst 75	21	5	5	5	6	21	22	30
Rosebery Pt.	21	8	1	3	9	24	29	29
Bankstown	21	6	4	0	10	25	29	26
C'bury & Dist.	21	4	4	3	10	22	38	23
Orange W'tah	21	3	3	3	12	23	41	18
Arncliffe	21	4	1	4	11	18	41	18

FEDERATION LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 2

Hills United	21	13	3	0	5	40	15	45
West.Wand's	21	12	2	1	6	40	24	41
Bankstown	21	12	2	0	6	47	32	40
Bathurst 75	21	11	2	7	24	24	37	
Lemnos A's	21	9	2	4	8	31	22	35
C'bury & Dist.	21	10	2	0	9	35	25	34
Belmore Hnaby	21	8	4	1	8	28	31	33
Rosebery Pt.	21	7	3	2	9	26	35	29
Arncliffe	21	7	2	1	10	20	32	26
North Ryde	21	6	2	1	12	23	36	23
Orange W'tah	21	5	3	1	12	26	38	22
Uni of NSW	21	4	2	1	14	20	46	17

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 1

Western Dist.	21	11	8	0	2	47	26	49
Concord Jnr	21	13	2	2	4	28	16	45
SSC Zagreb	21	12	3	1	5	36	22	43
Colo Colo	21	13	2	0	6	35	26	43
Trasandino	20	8	5	0	7	39	33	32
Hawkesbury	21	8	3	2	8	34	33	32
Spanish Club	21	7	3	4	7	24	26	31
Nineveh Eas	20	6	5	3	6	19	21	31

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 2

St.Josephs	18	10	2	3	3	31	14	37
L'pool City	18	9	3	2	4	33	19	35
New W'come	18	10	2	1	5	39	26	35
Belmain	18	8	4	2	4	24	24	34
Maccabi Hnaby	18	8	3	1	6	29	31	31
Springwood	18	5	5	1	7	24	29	26
Fairfield E.	18	6	3	1	8	28	31	25
Pontian E.	18	5	4	0	9	31	35	23
Greystanes	18	5	1	2	10	17	29	19
Gladesville	18	2	3	1	12	15	45	13

AMATEURS YOUTH CUP

First Div. First Grade
Leichhardt 1 drew with Equador 1. Glebe 5 b Enfield 1. Phoenix 5 b Concord 2. Pyreans 2 drew with Dobroyd 2.

Reserve
Leichhardt 3 b Equador 1. Glebe 4 b Enfield 1. Concord 1 b Phoenix 1 Pyreans 3 b Dobroyd 2.

C'WEALTH BANK-TURNER CUP

Qtr-f: Shailer Park 1 b Kadina 0. St Dominiques 1-4 b Oxley 1-2. Westfields 2 b Holy Cross 1. Keira 2 b Kelso 0.

QUEENSLAND DIV 1 & 2

XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	20	12	6	2	33	19	42
Rochedale R.	20	13	2	5	51	24	41
Eastern Subs	20	11	3	6	29	19	36
Bris Croatia	20	11	2	7	35	24	35
Pine Rivers	20	10	3	7	45	35	33
North Star	20	7	8	5	37	35	29
Coaststars	20	6	7	7	21	23	25
Mt Gravatt	20	5	8	7	27	31	23
Brisbane City	20	6	5	9	23	33	23
Taringa Rovers	20	4	4	12	22	46	16
Acacia Ridge	20	4	4	12	18	45	16
Nerrang	20	2	6	12	16	38	12

XXXX COLTS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	20	15	2	3	43	20	47
Taringa Rovers	20	11	5	4	45	26	38
Brisbane City	20	11	4	5	32	19	37
Bris Lions	20	10	6	4	43	22	36
Mt Gravatt	20	10	3	7	31	20	33
Eastern Subs	20	9	2	9	36	31	29
Bris Croatia	20	8	4	8	30	46	28
Pine Rivers	20	7	5	8	35	25	26
Nerrang	20	7	3	7	24	39	24
Acacia Ridge	20	4	5	11	20	42	17
Rochedale Rovers	20	3	7	10	23	33	15
Coaststars	20	2	0	18	19	58	6

XXXX RESERVE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	20	16	2	2	68	20	50
North Star	20	14	1	5	43	29	43
Mt Gravatt	20	11	7	2	39	15	40
Coaststars	20	9	4	7	37	24	31
Taringa Rovers	20	8	3	8	28	34	30
Pine Rivers	20	7	6	7	44	35	27
Bris Croatia	20	8	2	10	35	38	26
Nerrang	20	7	2	11	26	43	23
Rochedale Rovers	20	4	7	9	21	31	19
Acacia Ridge	20	5	4	11	24	40	19
Brisbane City	20	3	7	10	18	38	16
Eastern Subs	20	2	5	13	21	55	11

XXXX THIRD	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochedale Rovers	20	16	0	4	52	20	48
Coaststars	20	12	2	6	49	33	38
Taringa Rovers	20	11	4	5	48	33	36
North Star	20	11	3	6	45	31	36
Bris Lions	20	11	2	7	47	33	35
Acacia Ridge	20	10	3	7	43	32	30
Nerrang	20	8	0	12	38	45	24
Mt Gravatt	20	6	5	9	43	41	25
Eastern Subs	20	7	2	11	43	49	23
Bris Croatia	20	7	1	12	36	49	22
Pine Rivers	20	5	3	12	21	42	16
Brisbane City	20	2	3	15	20	76	10



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Great win by Juventus ties up title!

BULLEEN 3
OAKLEIGH 0

**BY
PETER KOTSIRIS**
IN FRONT OF a good sized crowd at Bulleen's Veneto complex a more skillful home team chasing the inaugural Premier League title gave a disappointing Oakleigh a soccer lesson to the tune of 3-0.

The first half was a disappointing affair with neither side able to assert any authority. Bulleen's live wire right winger Stan Thodis opened the scoring after just half-a-minute when Michael Vesnaver floated in a free-kick from the left for Darren Tuck to cut-back to Thodis who had the simple task of putting the ball into an empty net.

Bulleen, also had another three chances in the first half with Tuck hitting the crossbar and keeper Mike Alexandropoulos making two fine saves from Thodis and Con Pappas attempts.

Halfway through the second half Bulleen took an unassailable 2-0 lead when Pappas forced his way into the penalty area with what looked an illegal use of his hand but referee John Santa-Isabel waved play on, and Pappas calmly slotted home from eight yards.

Oakleigh's defenders were now working overtime with John Bitsonis clearing a header off the line by Damian Mori.

Bulleen took a 3-0 lead from a set piece. An Anthony Grbac corner found Thodis who hammered his shot into the pigeon hole corner of the net.

Seven minutes before the end Bulleen won itself a penalty after another Mori header was handled on the line by Oaks substitute Con Stefanou, who was lucky to remain on the park after that effort, which could have been interpreted as a professional foul.

Pappas, stepped up to take the penalty kick but missed with a woe-ful strike, unusual for him.

BULLEEN: Raponi, Valentis, Ruccla, Krajacic, Marsan, Grbac, Mori, Thodis, Pappas, Vesnaver (Dal Ben), Tuck.

OAKLEIGH: Alexandropoulos, Bitsonis, Nicolaidis (Stefanou), Vaglas, Goulias, Mills, Halford, Leonardos, Zemunik, Androu (Stamatidis), Tserakis.

VOTES: S.Thodis (Bulleen) - 2
C.Halford (Oaks) - 1

JUVENTUS 3
MORWELL FALCONS 1

**BY
TONY ABATE**
AFTER personifying a cricketer playing in his nervous 90s, Brunswick Juventus came from behind to beat Morwell Falcons 3-1 in front of a bumper crowd at Olympic Park on Sunday to virtually seal the title.

Brunswick began the game indifferently, and after 17 minutes Juve keeper Peter Laumets made a terrible mess from an Effie Cassar corner with a knockout that sat nicely for Billy Wright who unmercifully drove home.

Five minutes later, Juve regained its composure with a John Corvan free-kick which keeper Dave Reynolds could only parry to Brian MacNichol, who rebounded the ball back into the area for Steve Smith to head home.

Ten minutes from the interval, Brunswick gained the ascendancy for the first time, when Smith produced another fine header into the net after receiving an inch-perfect ball from MacNichol on the right.

With the game evolving into a tight struggle throughout the second half, Morwell were perhaps unlucky not to get back into the match, when referee Dennis Voutsinas disagreed with Gary McMullen's plea for a penalty in the 73rd minute, after a questionable challenge from Laumets.

Any hopes for a Morwell revival were cut short four minutes later, when Reno Minichiello took full advantage of another Falcons blunder in defence with a scorching drive past Reynolds.

JUVENTUS: Laumets, Sonsini, Doyle, Corvan, Della Rocca, Ferla, Mac-

Nichol, Sabatino, Smith (Grillo), Minichiello, De Amicis.

MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds, Harris, May, Roodhouse, Pender, O'Dell (Bruns), E.Cassar, McMullen, Nield, A.Cassar, Wright.

VOTES: P.Della Rocca (Juve) - 2
B.Wright (Morwell) - 1

ALTONA GATE 5
NORTHCOTE CITY 1

**BY
VLADO VLAHOVIC**
MACEDONIAN marvels Altona Gate destroyed relegation doomed Northcote City to the tune of 5-1, but the margin could have been doubled if twin-scorer Zoran Todorovski made the most of his many opportunities at Paisley Reserve on Sunday.

With the wind at its back Northcote started the game in an attacking, purposeful mood and opened the scoring after only six minutes.

Jim Constantinou swung a high corner-kick to the far post which totally fooled keeper Alex Micevski allowing striker John Metaxas with a simple headed goal.

However, it didn't take long for Altona's superior skill level to shine through and it took the lead with goals after 17 and 22 minutes.

Man-of-the-match Tony Lingurovski set-up Todorovski with a simple header and then scored himself with a close range effort after good lead up work by Zlate Markovski and Todorovski.

About 20 seconds into the second half Todorovski scored his second goal but not before requiring two attempts.

Lingurovski scored a fine, visionary goal in the 86th minute, when he latched onto a long clearance by Kline Aslimoski, to place the ball low into the far corner of the net in between a defender and keeper Mark Tarudia.

The rout was completed moments before full-time when Lingurovski again was involved in a fine move with Peter Nicoski, back in action and form after suspension, to set-up substitute Charlie Egan



JOHN MARKOVSKI

with a simple close range goal.

ALTONA GATE: A.Micevski, S.Micevski, Momirovski, T.Markovski, McMillan, Nicoski, Z.Markovski, Davis (Aslimoski), Lingurovski, J.Markovski (Egan), Todorovski.

NORTHCOTE: Tarudia, Tsekouras, N.Constantinou, Anezakis, Kouremenos, Panagopoulos (Hatzilazaridis), Illopoulos, Gynopoulos, Metaxas, Milanovic, J.Constantinou.

VOTES: T.Lingurovski (Altona) - 2
J.Constantinou (North) - 1

DOVETON 0
FAWKNER 2

**BY
DAVID BEARD**
ONE OF THE old men of the Premier League, Claude Lucchesi, reared his bald head on Saturday to clinch a 2-1 victory for Fawkner against cellar-dweller Doveton.

Coach Lucchesi fired an accurate curling free-kick from 30 yards in the 51st minute to an advancing Carlos Retre who headed home at the far post.

A quarter-of-an-hour later, Lucchesi the unbeatable scored Fawkner's second after rising from the clouds at the far post to meet a John Gabrielson cross and his balding cranium did the rest.

The 1990 Diabetes Gold medal winner said he was happy with his own form but added: We were too static in the early stages but gradually dominated the midfield as the game wore on.

Doveton was dominant in the first half with almost double the amount of scoring opportunities because they adapted to the muddy conditions far quicker than visiting Fawkner.

Doveton's defence was once again led admirably by Doug Hodgson, who has had eight offers from various clubs around the country mainly of Premier League calibre.

The Doves have found the going tough this year mainly because there's been only two surviving players from last year's championship winning squad these being captain Seve Luxford and goalkeeper Brad Zeally.

DOVETON: Zeally, Brown, Cox, McMinnee, Hodgson, M.McCormick (Prvulj), Luxford, Costin, Cattermole, Montgomery (Sotirski), A.McCormick.

FAWKNER: Anastasiadis, Walsh, Tombolato, Vlatkovic, Schipano, Wilson, Lucchesi, Stubblins, Retre, Emmanuelle (Engleszos), Gabrielson (Oztas).

VOTES: D.Hodgson (Doves) - 1
C.Lucchesi (Fawks) - 2

THOMASTOWN 0
ST ALBANS 0

**BY
BERT VAN BEDAF**
THOMASTOWN held St Albans to a 0-0 draw at Partridge Reserve on Saturday, despite being reduced to 10 men in the second half.

John Mihailidis was sent-off by referee Jim Hogg in the 52nd minute for his second foul on the lightning Ollie Pondeljak.

In spite of the muddy conditions Pondeljak managed to cause havoc in the Thomastown defence, but could not score.

Yet, it was Thomastown striker Lou Bekiaris who was denied a penalty when he was held by St Albans defender Vlado Vanis in the 62nd minute.

St Albans had the

better chances in the first half, but shots by Mark Silic and Pondeljak went wide.

The departure of Mihailidis spurred Thomastown in to an inspiring second half with midfielder Peter Cocker starring in defence and attack.

The former Northcote striker, came close to giving Thomastown a deserved win a minute from the end.

When Lou Bekiaris was fouled 30 metres from goal, Nino Di Martino's free-kick floated perfectly for Cocker to head the ball towards the net. But St Albans goalie Mate Grgic dived to save just on the line.

THOMASTOWN: Brian, De Propertis, Farquharson, Karic, Di Martino, Mihailidis, O'Donnell, Tsangas, Cocker, Bekiaris, McAleer.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Gargula, Skenderovic (Luburic), Radic, Collina, Vanis, Bacak, Marth, Pondeljak, Silic, Johnson (Allivlc).

VOTES: O.Pondeljak (St Alb) - 1
P.Cocker (Thomas) - 2

CROYDON CITY 0
GREEN GULLY 2

**BY
PETER SIOMOS**
IN A MATCH with little but pride at stake Green Gully overcame a lacklustre Croydon 2-0.

Green Gully were the better side for the majority of the encounter and the 2-0 win was a fair reflection of proceedings.

The visitors were well served by Ken Smart in midfield and up front by the pacy Derek Hunter and top scorer Sash Becvinovski.

Gully opened the better in the first 15 minutes with both Hunter and Becvinovski going close to scoring.

Croydon's best chance of the half came in the 40th minute when a Kieron Lennon header was cleared off the goal-line.

Green Gully eventually opened the scoring on the hour when Ken Smart put through Hunter, who after having his initial shot saved managed to put away the rebound.

Croydon were well below there best and rarely looked dangerous with key players Andy Humble and David

Klepac having quiet days.

Gully made certain of the points when Becvinovski raced onto a through ball by Micallef to beat Mirko Runje with ease and head clear to the top of the goal-scoring list.

CROYDON: Runje, Opasins, Nolan (Field), Lennon, Brack, McCabe, Koukainen (Hayhurst), McArthur, Humble, Klepac.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Hogben, Campbell, Micallef, Chetcuti, Attard, Becvinovski, Smart, Rastocic (Ciantar), Hunter.

VOTES: S.McArthur (Croyd) - 1
K.Smart (Gully) - 2.

ALBION 5
MOOROOLBARK 1

**BY
RAY SAUNDERS**
MOOROOLBARK'S dreams of Premier League survival were all but washed away at Selwyn Park on Sunday when a rampant Albion totally dominated for 90 minutes to run up a 6-1 victory.

The Barkers were on the back foot even before kick-off as injuries and illness forced four regulars; Dave McIntosh, Ian Marshall, David Brogan and Campbell to sit out the important encounter.

Man-of-the-match John Grimaud was devastating with pin-point crosses resulting in three of Albion's goals and managed a rare goal for himself.

Mooolbark's consolation goal came in the 61st minute when Gary Hobson's 30 metre drive dipped off the underside of the crossbar before nestling in the back of the net.

Veteran Don Macleod increased the Barker's woes with two goals of his own and the final insult came right on full-time when midfielder Steve Douglas had keeper Dave Bradley at his mercy to inflict the final nail into Mooroolbark's coffin.

ALBION: Toth, Butrakoski, Binyazar, Russell, Macleod, Carter (Patsaman), Douglas, Grimaud, White, Freund, Patterson.

MOOROOLBARK: Bradley, Robinson, A.Byrne, D.Byrne, Hobson, Burton, Jobling, McCallam, Heys, Mantell, Carter.

VOTES: J.Grimaud (Albion) - 3
J.Carter (M'bark) - 1

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Last ditch effort

REMAINING title hopefuls Morwell Falcons and Bulleen Veneto meet this Saturday at North Crinigan Reserve in a last-ditch effort for championship glory.

But that possible outcome depends on Juventus losing its remaining two games, which seems unlikely.

Bulleen, without star midfielder playmaker Fabio Incantalupo, out for the season with a broken leg, have a tough task this weekend.

Morwell have its own injury concerns with Adrian Pender, Andy O'Dell, Emil Bruns and Tom Daly spending more time off the park than on it lately.

CAN Mooroolbark produce another 'Houdini' escape from relegation act?

The Barkers tackle the skill-masters Altona Gate on Saturday, in what promises to be a lively duel.

Mooroolbark scored two recent successive victories to give itself a chance of Premier League survival, but only if it continues to win and Oakleigh must lose a couple of games for its dream to turn to reality.

Altona Gate's loan star John Markovski has finished his spell and key midfielder Peter Nicoski continues to miss due to suspension.

This should give the Barkers some incentive to attack the encounter with some confidence.

GLAMOUR boys St Albans clash with gritty Albion Turk-Gucu at Churchill Reserve on Saturday.

Dinamo, with its NSL-boosted image, appear to be unstoppable, but lowly Mooroolbark inflicted a shock loss re-



Bulleen's Robbie Kajacic

cently and Albion, with its continued good form of late, will no doubt be desperate for St Albans' scalp to finish its own topsy-turvy season on a high note.

FAWKNER Azzurri tackles Thomastown in the final Italian-backed derby clash of the season at Jukes Road on Sunday.

Although both sides are left with only pride and positions on the final table, derby clashes always bring out whole-hearted efforts that normally gives the

spectator value for money.

RELEGATION-threatened Oakleigh meets disappointing Croydon City in another vital survival encounter at Caloola Reserve on Sunday.

The Oaks must continue to pick up points as Mooroolbark mounts its now predictable late challenge for self-preservation, but Oakleigh is finding it difficult to overcome its 'post-Goutzioulis syndrome.'

Coach Cedo Cirko-

vic has every confidence in his boys' "catch us if you can", the taunts to opponent clubs.

ALSO-rans Green Gully Ajax should overcome cellar-dweller Doveton at Gully Reserve on Sunday.

With Sash Becvinovski back in form once more and Ken Smart also playing a fine support role in midfield, the young Doves might be hoping this Premier League season was just another nightmare.

EMBATTLED Northcote City entertain leaders Brunswick Juventus at John Cain Stadium this Sunday.

Relegation-doomed and financially wounded Northcote City do not have much incentive going into a clash with a powerful team that has all to play for, and this could spell another disaster for poor old Northcote.

Hellas tour

BY GREG BLAKE

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas ended its tour of Greece in dismal fashion last week when it crashed 5-1 against reigning Greek champions and cup winners Panathinakos in Athens.

The Australian champions couldn't take a trick against what was a sub-standard Panathinakos side, which had just returned from a pre-season competition in London, playing against the likes of Arsenal and West Ham.

Notable absentees from the local side were Aussie expats Chris Kalantzis and Lou Hristodoulou — not that it mattered as Panathinakos won in a canter.

Panathinakos led by a single goal by a single first half goal from Frantzeskos before unleashing a devastating four-goal second half burst.

Hellas wilted in the sweltering 35 degree heat and two goals from Chilean Delgado, another from Frantzeskos and a penalty from Georgakopoulos embarrassed the Australian side in front of an estimated 10,000 fans at the Leoforu Alexandras Stadium.

South Melbourne's consolation effort came from a 75th minute own goal by Panathinakos defender Karageorgiou.

Hellas generally disappointed on tour, losing minor games against 2nd division Kozani 2-1 and division three outfit Veroia 1-0.

The highlight of the tour was South Melbourne's second match, when it came from behind to draw 1-1 with crack first division side PAOK.

The largest crowd of the tour by the Aussie champs, over 12,000 fans, turned out for that game at the Toumba Stadium in Salonika.

And on that occasion at least, Greek fans came away impressed with South Melbourne's high standard football.

Skartados opened the score for PAOK after just 14 minutes but Hellas substitute Michael Michalakopoulos levelled for Souths in the 79th minute, just three minutes after replacing Socceroo Paul Trimboli.



PAUL TRIMBOLI

Paul Fernandes almost stole the show for the Melbourne team with a stinging shot which was cleared off the PAOK line in the dying minutes.

The local fans showed their appreciation for the efforts of South Melbourne in that game, rising as one to give the Melbourne team a standing ovation as they did a lap of the stadium at the end of the game.

New Hellas signing Gary Hasler played in all of South Melbourne's tour games.

Speaking from Greece late last week Hellas president George Vasi-

lopoulos told ABSW that despite the defeats, the team was in great spirits and enjoying its visit.

"Although the boys have enjoyed the time here and have been looked after very well, I think they are looking forward to their return home", he said.

Although South Melbourne was hoping to arrange a further tour game against either Larisa or Olympiakos, it seems likely that the touring party will now leave Greece early and return home on August 20, four days earlier than planned.

THIS WEEK

Sat, 24th August Round 25
St Albans v Albion, Mooroolbark v Altona Gate, Morwell Falcons v Bulleen.

Sun, 25th August
Fawkner v Thomastown, Oakleigh v Croydon City, Green Gully v Doveton, Northcote City v Bruns Utd Juventus.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. ONE

Sat, 24th August Round 27
Knox City v Western Suburbs, Port Melbourne v Box Hill.

Sun, 25th August
North Geelong v Frankston Pines, Melbourne City v Essendon City, Ringwood City v Caulfield City, Mordialloc bye, Werribee v Park Park, Springvale City v Westgate.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. TWO

Sat, 24th August Round 27
Kellor City v Sandringham City, Suns Heights Polonia v Doncaster Rovers, Geelong v Dandenong, Nunawading City v Clifton Hill, Richmond v Chelsea, Bentleigh Greens v Broadmeadows City, Sunbury United v Altona City, Waverley City v Brighton.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. THREE

Sat, 24th August Round 25
Heidelberg City v Springvale Utd, Seaford United v Corio-Geelong Utd, Fitzroy City v Clayton, Oakleigh Suburbs v Moreland/Coburg, Moorabbin City v Clarinda, Lalor United v Eltham/Dia, Valley Utd.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. FOUR

Sat, 24th August Round 25
Rosanna v Pascoe Vale, Mornington v Hamlyn Rangers, Langwarrin bye, Boronia v Cranbourne, Yarraville v Hawthorn Citizens, South Dandenong v Karingal Utd, Springvale Condors v Regent.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. ONE

Sat, 24th August Round 23
Williamstown v Brunswick City, Malvern City v Forest Hill, Westvale v Melton, South Werribee v Berwick City, Altona East v Yallourn, South Springvale v Knox Park, North Shine v Frankston United.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. TWO

Sat, 24th August Round 23
Hoppers Crossing v Uni of Melbourne, Keysborough v Wantirna, Meadow Park v Nth Glenroy St Marks, Mentone United v Ballarat, East Geelong v Brandon Park, Lyndale United v Eastern Park Brintons, Lalar bye.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. THREE

Sat, 24th August Round 23
Ringwood Rovers v South Yarra, Kew Eagles v Waverley United, Port United v Batman United, St Kilda v Carrum United, Monbulk v East Richmond, Monash University v Glenroy, Mitcham United v Hampton Park.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. FOUR

Sun, 25th August Round 23
Riversdale v Sunshine Park, Kellor United v Waverley Wanderers, Old Scotch v Beaumaris, Oakleigh United v Collingwood City, St Wantirna Cretan bye, Latrobe University v Diggers Rest, Malvern Lemnos v East Kew.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. FIVE

Sun, 25th August Round 23
Upfield bye, Endeavour Hills v RMIT, Northern United v Balwyn City, Diamond Valley v Broadmeadows Utd, Melbourne University v Epping Concorde, Doncaster Inter v Cam. Grammar Old Boys, Thornbury Furlan Utd v Albert Park Maccabi.

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GREG BLAKE PULLS NO PUNCHES

Sam airs his views for future



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ASF commissioner Sam Papasavas is likely to earn a rebuke from his fellow commissioners when next they meet after the NSL chairman recently went public to discuss initiatives he plans to put to the commission in the near future.

One commissioner told ABSW that the initiatives were not to be considered as official views as they "had not been cleared" by the commission.

"They are not official views, they have not been discussed by the policy committee and they have not been discussed by the commission", he told ABSW.

Papasavas admitted that the ideas expressed were his own, but that he was intending to put the ideas to last weekend's council of clubs meeting in Sydney.

Billed as a six-pronged strategy to lift the profile of the game, the plans include a television program produced and packaged by the NSL and sold to a national network.

I understand that that concept has already been floated with national network officials and been greeted with a favourable response.

Other plans revealed by Papasavas include an Asia-Oceania club championship, the reintroduction of three points per win, regular yearly fixtures matching the Socceroos with the World Club Championship finalists, a top six series, identical to that utilised



FLASHBACK! The official party snapped by ASW cameraman Hector Carrasco at the NSL Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium. L to R: Remo Nogorotto (Marconi president), George Paschalis (Sydney Olympic president), Sam Papasavas (NSL chairman), Peter Russell (NSL general manager), Nick Greiner (NSW premier), John Constantine (Australian Soccer Federation chairman).

by the AFL this year, and the concept of turning Victoria's Dockerty Cup into a major national knock-out competition to replace the much-maligned NSL Cup.

The Victorian Soccer Federation dismissed the concept of a national Dockerty Cup as "just paper talk".

According to VSF executive director George Wallace, there has been no documentation presented to the federation, nor had there been any discussion on the matter.

Papasavas said that he saw merit in the idea of the change in status for the 82 year-old knock-out cup competition.

"I can see no problem with the idea, as the knock-out series would still be contested by Victorian Premier League clubs as well as clubs from other states and the NSL", he said.

With the doubt surrounding ABC-TV coverage of the NSL for the new season, Papasavas said that an NSL TV package, similar to the coverage provided by the English Football League, might be the answer.

He also hinted at legal action against the ABC, should the government network not continue its soccer coverage into the third year of a five year agreement.

Papasavas said that

the AFL-inspired top-six series was a logical step for a broader-based NSL.

"We'll have to look at it seriously because geographically, it would allow us to have finals games in more cities, it would leave one additional team in the championship hunt and it would generate more income", he explained.

Under the final six system, only the top two teams retain a double chance in the finals, with third through sixth on the ladder resigned to elimination matches in the first week of the play-offs.

Under the AFL system, in the opening round of the finals third plays fourth and fifth meets sixth in elimination games, whilst first plays second for a berth in the major semi final.

The winner of third v fourth moves into the major semi as well, with the loser of that game out of contention.

The loser of fifth v sixth is also eliminated, with the winner of that final playing the loser from first v second in the minor semi.

From the second week of the finals onwards the series continues on the same basis, as the top five system used by the NSL since 1988.

Smiler

WITH an cheeky grin and with a minimum of fuss, Billy Murray has edged his way back into Victorian coaching circles, this time at the helm of troubled former NSL club Sunshine George Cross.

For Murray, recognised as one of nature's nice guys, it is the first coaching job since an untimely departure from Premier League Altona Gate over 12 months ago.

Not that the former Preston Makedonia supremo hasn't had offers, far from it.

But Murray says he wanted to come back "when the time was right" and now, suitably refreshed, he believes that time has arrived.

"Having not been involved in soccer for a time, I'm wrapped to be back", he says triumphantly.

"I feel refreshed and I'm looking forward to what promises to be a great challenge."

"And that is one reason I decided to take the Sunshine job, because it is such a great challenge".

Hannah set

GEORGE Hannah is set to take over the Melbourne Croatia coaching job for the coming season.

According to a source close to the club, Hannah has the job "if he decides he wants it".

Hannah is set to get the nod ahead of former player and current North Geelong coach Branko Culina.

The 34 year-old veteran, one of only two players remaining from the side which joined the NSL in 1984, has repeatedly knocked back attempts by the club to coax him into the player-coach role.

However, club officials believe Hannah is the key to retaining stability in the playing ranks following the departure, in June, of 1991 grand final coach Ken Worden.

As we went to press Hannah was still considering his options, maintaining that he has always been reluctant to take up the coaching position on a permanent basis in case it had affected his playing career.

"I have told the club no this time", said Hannah, who has held the position twice in a caretaking capacity.

"But I must admit I have given it second thoughts", he told ABSW late last week.

Recently re-elected president Steve Mandekic says the club isn't about to rush into appointing its 1991-92 coach.

Although the new administration was initially preparing to make its coaching decision late last week, Mandekic says that the final decision is now pending a final answer from Hannah.

"The key is to have a happy and settled bunch of players", said the Melbourne Croatia supremo.

"We believe that is a good reason to have George in the job."

"We know he is capable of performing the

job and he is well liked and well respected by the players".

Hannah took charge of the club's first pre-season work last week.

Although Hannah is favoured for the job, it is believed that club supporters are keen to entice Culina to the club.

Culina has been suggested as first cab off the rank should Hannah turn down the coaching post.

The 34 year-old former Blacktown, Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Croatia and St Albans star has made no secret of his desire to return to Somers Street at some stage of his coaching career.

Current Thomastown coach Ken Murphy has been touted as the other likely candidate in the event that Hannah decides to knock back the coaching job.

"I haven't spoken to the club at all", Culina told ABSW.

"My commitment is still with North Geelong at this stage."

"I promised to get them into the Premier League and that job is still to be done."

"Whatever happens, I am determined to see that through."

"Mind you, the Melbourne Croatia job would be a dream come true and it would give me the chance to do something I really love at that level."

There is a groundswell of support for Culina at the club, with secretary Zejlko Sabo calling him a logical candidate.

"I personally think he is an achiever and ambitious", he explained.

"Many think he may be too young for the post but he has worked in a position of responsibility for some time and I am sure he could do the job well."

On the Somers Street transfer front, it seems likely that the club will continue to pursue Sunshine George Cross star Damian Mori, despite a \$35,000 price tag.



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CEN/SOUTH A

P	M	D	L	F	A	PT
EAST BENTLEIGH	14	12	2	0	78	6 26
BRIGHTON	14	10	2	2	69	13 22
CLAYTON	11	9	1	1	56	8 19
SANDRINGHAM	12	5	1	6	40	30 11
ALBERT PARK MAC	10	4	3	3	21	17 11
ELWOOD	12	5	1	6	17	33 11
NEW EAGLES	12	4	2	6	14	25 10
BENTLEIGH GREEN	14	2	3	9	6	59 7
EAST RICHMOND	13	2	1	10	9	77 5
NORRISVILLE	13	0	3	10	5	47 3
SANDRINGHAM B	1	0	1	0	2	2 1
BYE 300	0	0	0	0	0	0 0

NORTHERN

P	M	D	L	F	A	PT
NTM GLE ST MARK	16	11	1	2	76	8 25
FARMER	15	9	1	7	36	9 22
B.U. JUVENUS	13	9	2	2	45	10 20
MEADOW PARK	15	8	3	4	47	23 19
NTM RESERVOIR	14	7	4	3	17	12 16
THOMASTOWN	14	8	1	5	49	24 17
LALOR UNITED	15	6	4	5	43	27 16
NORTHCOTE CITY	15	5	7	1	44	36 13
PRESTON	15	5	1	9	35	36 11
ESSENDON CITY	14	3	2	9	21	39 8
H/BERG UTD A	13	1	1	11	14	34 3
KEON PARK	13	0	0	11	2	178 0

CEN/SOUTH B

P	M	D	L	F	A	PT
LANGWARRIN	10	9	1	0	43	2 19
F/STON UTD	12	9	1	2	41	12 19
BAXTER	11	8	2	1	43	7 18
MORRINGTON	12	4	4	4	27	17 12
BEAUMARIS	12	5	2	5	21	23 12
PENINSULA	11	5	1	5	27	28 11
HASTINGS	11	2	1	6	14	42 5
F/TON PINES	11	1	1	4	6	40 3
CARRON UTD	12	1	1	10	3	54 3

NTH/WEST A

P	M	D	L	F	A	PT
KEILLOR A	13	11	2	0	74	6 24
ST ALBANS	13	8	3	2	48	12 19
SUNBURY UTD	13	9	1	3	46	12 19
REGENT	12	4	4	2	37	14 16
ALTONA EAST	12	3	5	4	9	15 11
GREEN GULLY B	12	4	2	6	26	29 10
WESTERN SUBS	12	3	4	5	10	20 10
WESTVALE	12	3	3	6	17	59 9
SUNSHINE PARK	12	2	0	10	4	34 4

EASTERN A

P	M	D	L	F	A	PT
SPRINGVALE CITY	16	16	0	0	95	6 32
SEAFOOD UNITED	15	13	0	2	56	15 26
DONCASTER RDV	16	11	1	4	48	20 23
HAVERLEY UTD A	16	11	0	5	68	23 22
HUNAMADING CITY	15	8	1	6	30	24 17
LYNDALD UNITED	16	7	1	8	30	42 15
BERWICK CITY	15	7	0	6	43	30 14
KNOX CITY	15	6	0	9	27	43 12
RINGSWOOD CITY	15	4	3	8	19	43 11
MONROUL	16	4	0	17	23	78 8
HAVERLEY CITY	16	2	1	13	7	62 5
CLARINDA	15	0	1	14	4	44 1

NTH/WEST B

P	M	D	L	F	A	PT
LALOR	11	9	2	0	69	1 20
PASCOE VALE	11	8	3	0	43	5 19
MELTON B	12	8	1	3	30	16 17
ROSAHNA	12	4	0	6	20	20 12
KEILLOR B	11	5	1	5	39	18 11
PRESTON B	11	5	1	5	30	27 11
MERRIBEE	10	2	0	6	13	16 8
YARRAVILLE	9	0	2	7	0	34 2
BYE 300	0	0	0	0	0	0 0

WESTERN

P	M	D	L	F	A	PT
MELB CROATIA	12	12	0	0	85	6 24
MELTON A	12	9	2	1	44	10 20
GREEN GULLY A	14	9	0	5	53	19 18
SUNSHINE HTS	13	8	1	4	44	22 17
SUNSHINE G.X	14	7	2	3	35	18 16
ALTONA GATE	12	6	1	5	26	20 13
MELB CITY	14	4	2	8	23	31 10
ALTONA CITY	14	4	1	9	25	37 9
ALBION	13	1	0	12	13	86 2
MARTINDALE UTD	12	1	0	11	4	90 2

EASTERN C

P	M	D	L	F	A	PT
BRANDON PARK	13	11	2	0	90	9 24
CRANBOURNE	13	9	3	1	61	13 21
DINGLEY	12	8	3	1	72	14 19
DOVETON	11	6	1	4	38	18 13
CRONFORD CITY B	12	4	2	6	39	36 10
OAKLEIGH SUBURB	12	5	0	7	35	47 10
OAKLEIGH	11	2	4	5	12	19 8
ALTONA CITY	10	2	4	1	31	3 8
STH S/VALE B	12	1	4	9	4	99 4
HAWTHORN	12	0	1	11	1	74 1

CEN/SOUTH

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PENINSULA	16	11	4	1	59	21 26
CRANBOURNE	16	11	3	2	56	16 25
STH S/VALE	16	11	2	3	51	14 24
BRIGHTON	16	11	1	4	42	19 23
SANDRINGHAM	16	11	1	4	49	32 23
F/STON UTD	16	10	2	4	38	22 22
OAKLEIGH SUBS	16	5	4	7	29	40 14
DOVETON	16	3	4	9	23	47 10
LANGWARRIN	16	4	2	10	25	62 10
BAXTER	16	3	3	10	14	49 9
EAST BENTLEIGH	16	1	2	13	11	38 4
BENTLEIGH GREEN	16	1	0	15	8	75 2

EASTERN B

P	M	D	L	F	A	PT
HAMPTON PARK	16	15	1	0	80	8 31
ELTHAM	15	11	2	2	58	19 24
ALBERT PARK	13	8	2	3	40	25 18
MONROUL	15	7	3	5	41	38 17
H/BERG UTD B	14	7	2	5	34	17 16
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CLAYTON	16	5	3	8	23	49 13
BEAUMARIS	15	3	5	7	20	27 11
SHERBROOKE RWS	16	5	0	11	33	48 10
MELB CITY	14	3	4	7	19	38 10
NOODOLBARK B	16	0	1	15	6	91 1

EASTERN A

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BEAUMARIS	15	10	2	3	28	6 27
CAULFIELD CITY	16	9	3	3	37	15 21
DONCASTER RDV	16	6	3	4	32	13 19
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SEAFOOD	15	2	0	13	6	52 4
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SUNSHINE PARK	14	12	0	2	69	9 24
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FARMER	13	9	2	2	36	10 20
WESTVALE	15	7	2	6	41	22 16
MEADOW PARK	13	6	1	5	32	29 13
WESTGATE	12	4	1	7	23	27 9
EAST GEELONG	12	3	0	9	13	5 6
MERRIBEE	11	1	2	8	15	35 4
HOPPERS KING	14	1	1	12	6	59 3
THOMASTOWN B	14	1	1	12	5	85 3

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SUNSHINE HTS	15	8	5	2	33	13 21
ALBION	15	9	0	8	35	25 18
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SUNSHINE PARK	14	5	3	6	24	27 11
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LALOR UTD	16	5	1	10	20	39 11
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FOREST HILL	16	3	2	11	18	44 8
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BENTLEIGH GREEN	13	9	1	3	49	17	19
BEAUMARIS	14	9	1	4	45	22	19
CLAYTON	13	8	2	3	41	15	18
KNOX CTY HAMPS	13	7	2	4	46	15	15
DONCASTER RDV	11	7	1	3	43	15	15
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

WITH ALAN CLARK



Young Aloisi the key player

WEST Adelaide officials are confident they can name the club's new National Soccer League coach early this week.

But the pendulum of opinion seems to have swung sharply in favour of a local appointment.

Clubmen, obviously keen to avoid any more hint of embarrassment after the brief flirtation with Vic Fernandez, only would say a decision could be expected this week.

But caretaker Nick Pantsaras and senior player Adrian Santrac look in the box seat.

Several other local options, though, are open to the club.

The cost and uncertainty of an interstate appointment seems to have swayed officials towards keeping the job within SA.

Former Hellas player, successful Croatia coach and recently resigned Port Adelaide leader Zoran Maricic officially has thrown his hat into the ring for the job.

Several others locally could be waiting in the wings.

Pantsaras, the right man in the right place for the club, has done no wrong since assuming the first-team reins and has been given sound, sensible advice by on field general Santrac, whose fitness is returning to nearer NSL level after the lay-off following his retirement from Adelaide City.

They were among key personnel canvassed on their thoughts about the player needs for the club in its NSL return.

West looks sure to step up its bid for local players — given the expected blessing of local soccer chiefs to sign players from the State without the transfer deadline criteria.

Ted Briscoe, of Birkalla Eagles, publicly has stated he is keen to join the club to satisfy his NSL ambitions — but in SA.

Several others, too, are sure to fancy the chance. Just how many have the credentials to back the claim is a key question West must answer.

BROTHERLY love took a back seat on Saturday at Golden

Grove.

Former Socceroo John Nyskohus' Modbury played host to brother Buggy's Beograd.

USC Lion player Danny Mitroussidis has been cleared by the club.

He is keen to join Second Division side Olympians.

Mitroussidis had his contract terminated by the club and, as such, was free to move on — despite the transfer deadline of June 30 having elapsed.

WELCOME back, see you later.

That was the scenario for evergreen Robert Marwe, of Para Hills.

Marwe returned from injury against Blackwood but was booked and was out suspended for last weekend's clash with Hellas at Hindmarsh.

SOCCER bosses should make a decision this week on who coaches the State side in November's triangular series against City and West NSL sides.

Several interesting proposals on the marketing and promotion of the side could be up for discussion.

They could have relevance on who ends up in charge of the side.

Several options seem open, though, surprisingly, State director of coaching Carlos Buzzetti has had little input on the selection process so far.

CUMBERLAND is looking to develop youth for its long-term future.

Coach Dave Hemmingway is working the under-18s into a very competitive squad and he sees a big future for young Foxes in the Bailey Reserve lair.

"I want to run a junior side in local seven-a-sides this year and, hopefully, again conduct coaching through summer for talented juniors and colts," Hemmingway said.

"The youth of this club will help us develop a strength and depth of players that has been lacking at this club over the past few years."



Adelaide City star John Aloisi — JANUSZ KAMMA photo.

ADELAIDE City superkid striker John Aloisi looks a key player for SA in the national under-15 titles from late next month at Camden.

Coach Joe Serafini leads a strong squad of 16 to the nationals from September 28 to October 6. John Brannigan will be manager with Gerry McAvoy trainer. The full SA squad is:

Daniel Bieze (Noarlunga), Mark Collins (Hellas), Filippo Ascenzio (Campbelltown), Darren Corcoran (Salisbury), Ben McDougall (Seaford), Joel Marino (Adelaide City), Domenico Amato (Azzurri), Daniel Damato (Adelaide City), Brian Launders (Polonia, captain), Dino Menillo (Polonia), Aloisi, Bruno Giovanni-

ello (Polonia), Kevin Wright (Olympians), Nadim Mezensof (Hellas), Allen Bini and Jim Zerella (Adelaide City).

Barry Simpson is to lead the under-14 State squad, with Mick Hargreaves team boss and Eddy Glink trainer. The SA squad reads:

Paul Lopic (Croatia), Mathew Burford (Ad City), Mark Hewitson (Seaford), Andrew Norris (Birkalla), Larry Piscioneri, Jason Pedron, Adriano Papa (Azzurri), Tony D'Ercole (Whyalla), Ben Honeyman (Ad City), Swaif Khan (West Adelaide), Steven Giovanniello (Ad City), Rino Berlingeri (Para Hills), Kosta Giannopoulos (Polonia), Alex Thomas (Blackwood), Nick Konstantopoulos

(West Adelaide) and Sam Ellicott (Modbury).

RALPH De Pinto no longer is coach of Second Division Enfield City.

In a shock, hush-hush move De Pinto was asked by a leading club official to step down with just three league games remaining.

He received the news in a telephone call after leading the Blair Athol side for the past two seasons.

De Pinto, 29, who retired when he was 27, was coaxed into a playing return late this season and the fortunes of Enfield, second bottom on the table, picked up.

But now he would

seem sure to want to continue coaching if a suitable job became available.

De Pinto played with Adelaide City, Campbelltown, with whom he has a close affinity, Lion and Cumberland before joining Enfield.

YOUNG Lion goalkeeper David Limareff paused for a moment of quiet reflection just before the kick-off against Hellas.

Limareff, 17, was drafted into the side after the non-inclusion of Archie Christakos, who was in the middle of a wrangle with coaching staff.

He turned to face his net and obviously was having a 'quiet word to himself' before facing up to the hotshot leader.

Good to see young Keith Rowling passing on all his best to the keeper before kick-off.

Hellas put five goals past the youngster but he still turned in a more than creditable performance.

Christakos subsequently has had his contract with the club terminated and that is sure to stimulate keen interest among rival clubs.

He was a member of the State squad last year for the game against Victoria at Mildura.

HELLAS coach Nick Pantsaras had to look to a new 'spy' for Saturday's crucial Foundation SA First Division clash with Para Hills at Hindmarsh.

Normally former team mate and Para coach Martyn Crook supplies him with information on upcoming opponents.

"We have been playing teams the week after they face Para and I've 'phoned up Martyn to find out about them. It has been a good help," Pantsaras said.

ADELAIDE later this month will send two teams of young soccer ambassadors to the country.

Representatives from the under-14 and under-15 State squads will play games against under-17 and senior Western Border Associati-

on select sides in Mt Gambier from August 23, 24, 25.

"This is an ideal opportunity to promote the game in the country and also gives us a chance to see what the young players are like away from home," State Development Officer Carlos Buzzetti said.

Buzzetti's own boys in the State under-17 squad trialled twice last week.

The squad, after trial, is likely to be cut to 20 plus the three SA Joeys in Italy and an AIS boy.

A final squad of 15 will take part in the national titles from October 8 at Parklea.

Buzzetti has returned from a very successful coaching week in Canberra. City players Michael Brooks and Ross Aloisi, Jim Keramidas and Con Kokkinopitis, of West Adelaide and Croatia's Colin Miller, were successful in the Part A (practical) section of their Level 2 coaching certificate. They will undertake Part B (theory) in November at the SA Institute of Sport.

The modified soccer style of 'Roo Ball' meanwhile will be launched in SA on September 3 by Craig Johnston.

SEPTEMBER holds something special for Noarlunga United and Campbelltown City.

The Sky Blues and Red Devils each contest two Second Division Cup finals on September 8 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Noarlunga seniors meet Apac from 3pm with the juniors in the opening curtain-raiser from 11am against Campbelltown.

Campbelltown and Omonia clash in the Reserves final from 1pm.

GOAL ace Larry Sullivan still is banging them in.

The striker of many clubs is playing with AFC Butterfield in Division Eight of the Amateur League.

The club has banged in more than 100 goals this season, with Sullivan netting 45 in the League.

He aims to break 50 for the League season in the closing four games.

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Wolves' prolific goalscorer Steve Bull.

For a while last week it seemed Brisbane United had finally pulled a rabbit from a hat.

Rumors swept Queensland soccer that the much maligned National League team had scored the transfer coup of the season by signing England World Cup squad striker Steve Bull, the prolific scorer from Wolverhampton.

While the lines of communication buzzed, it seemed they also became crossed and the reports were only 90% correct.

The Steve was right, as was the bull (no pun intended), but somewhere along the line an "ock" had been left out.

The new Brisbane United player is set to be Stockport County defender Steve Bullock.

While Bull would have been a dream signing, the lesser known Bullock could prove to be a handy asset for the Queensland club.

He will come to Australia highly recommended after being scouted by Scottish International and former Queensland junior de-

velopment officer Alan Evans, who has returned to Britain after a short stint at Perry Park.

Bullock is a product of Stockport juniors and has played for Tranmere Rovers too.

Bullock is set to solve Brisbane United headaches over the sweeper position. The club had unsuccessfully chased Ned Zelic and had seemed to have drawn a blank in playing a 100-1 shot in attempting to lure Dutch international Wim Hoppkens to Brisbane.

Brisbane United have begun training under coach Miron Bleiberg and are hopeful of filling another visa spot with New Zealand international Danny Halligan.

The club was pipped by Newcastle United in attempts to sign outstanding Auckland captain Noel Barkley.

United have finalised a deal with experienced NSL striker Stuart Stevenson, who arrived in Brisbane a week ago to begin pre-season training with the club.

Stevenson, 28, played under Bleiberg at Sidelberg United and

his experience will be invaluable in a squad which has a very raw look about it.

"Having Stuart up front alongside the younger players is sure to help them," Bleiberg said. "He is very experienced and will be a good example."

"He had a tremendous will to win and will not back off in 50-50 challenges. His fighting spirit is a real quality."

QLD DRAW

CANTERBURY and Queensland drew 1-1 in a representative soccer match in Christchurch last Wednesday.

The home side outplayed Queensland for most of the second half but could not add to the half-time score.

Queensland took the lead in the 14th minute thanks to a header from John Brown.

Canterbury equalised after 37 minutes through Alun Evans.

The top school in Queensland

It has taken 12 months, but Shailer Park have finally proved themselves to be Queensland's premier soccer school.

The Logan school was defeated only on penalties last year by the powerful Sunnybank High, who went on to claim the premier title.

It was a cruel twist of the regional draw that brought the two Giants together so early in the competition last year, but it steered Shailer's resolve to ensure success this season.

The school downed Bundaberg's Kepnock High 2-1 in the state final at Slacks Creek a week ago.

That victory earned them a tie against Kadina High in Lismore last week with a place in the Bill Turner Cup semi-finals on offer.

With just a fortnight of the regular season remaining it seemed an odd time for coaching upheavals — but that's what has happened on two fronts in Queensland's XXXX League.

Wayne Warren has resigned at relegation-threatened Taringa while Billy Williamson announced he would not be at the helm next season at the once high-flying North Star.

Warren's resignation came as Taringa slumped into the danger zone after only two months ago being a chance of their first ever semi-final berth.

The club had a horror second round and could still end up in the Second Division unless they can stave off a last round defeat to fellow struggler Acacia Ridge.

It was only Warren's second season at Spare Park after he was lured away from Ipswich where he had become a soccer legend after more than two decades in the St Helens and Ipswich United first teams.

Warren took over this season from Taringa stalwart Glenn Davis, who not surprisingly was the coach the club turned to save them yet again from the drop out of the First Division.

Davis admitted there was little he could do in the last few rounds other than attempt to fire "the

old Taringa spirit" into his team.

"The players know they are better than where they are on the table," Davis said. "It's a matter of getting them back into a frame of mind where they are willing to put everything on the line to stay in the top competition."

Davis rejected suggestions he had risked his impeccable reputation by taking on a sinking ship.

"This is nothing about me," he said. "The players are the ones with everything to lose and they are the ones who will have to wear it if the club goes down."

"Losing is a habit and we have to break that cycle in the final rounds. If the players believe in themselves and really want to survive then I have no doubt Taringa can comfortably survive."

Davis declined to comment on whether his return to top level soccer after less than a season on the sidelines would be permanent.

"The only carrot as far as I am concerned is my desire to keep Taringa in the Premier League," Davis said. "If we succeed in doing that, then and only then will I begin to consider next year."

Williamson's decision to split with North Star was not surprising given he had offered his resignation only a week early.

On that occasion his offer was rejected, but a 3-1 loss to Croatia last week, which ended North Star's final hopes, proved the last straw.

Afterwards Williamson vowed: "I won't be at North Star next year."

Williamson has had an illustrious Queensland career which provided the Scotsman far more footballing highlights than he could have imagined when his career began to close in the First Division and Premier League with Dundee and Dundee United.

Stints with Lions, Brisbane City, Easts and North Star have seen him win many of the premier honors on offer — although an unfortunate send-off several years

ago cost him what many considered a certain Rothmans medal.

"I'm getting too old, it's time to retire," he said, somewhat wrongly shouldering the blame for North Star's poor form this season. "The head can keep up, but the heart can't."

"I've been at North Star for six years, it's time to move on."

Williamson made no excuses for his team after their inglorious exit from the finals race. He acknowledged Croatia were the better team on the day and would be a force in the play-offs.

"We were beaten on the day by a better side," he said. "Our problem all season has been that we are always having to play catch-up football. I can't remember the last time we scored first."

That situation is a major turnaround from the past three years when North Star had been a major force in the competition, but it seemed this year, for some unknown reason, the side went sour.

With two rounds remaining, Williamson admitted self-pride was the only reward left for his side.

"We have to get some pride back into the side," he said. "I won't be here next year but a lot of these players will."

"It's up to them to finish on a positive note to ensure there is something to build on at the beginning of next season."

North Star can possibly decide the premiership this weekend and ironically hand the title to their former arch-rivals Lions. North Star host the highriding Rochdale at home on Saturday night and a Stars win would all but end Rovers' title hopes.

Lions have the seemingly easy away tie against feeble Nerang and could seal the title with a victory.

In other matches, Acacia Ridge will be looking to continue their amazing relegation escape at home to Easts while Taringa will be equally desperate for points against Coalstars in the match of the day at Perry Park.

Bari is a new ball game for ace Socceroo striker Frank Farina

BY STEFANO COLITTI

ACE Socceroo striker Frank Farina is now a superstar in his own right in Italy with the Bari club.

Frank arrived on the scene in a blaze of glory and his exploits in pre-season practice games has been marvellous.

So much so, the Italian media have dubbed him the 'Flying Kangaroo'.

However despite this, in the last couple of weeks, Frank has been forced to play second fiddle to Bari's latest signing, English World Cup star David Platt.

But this situation has not worried the Socceroo in the least.

In fact it's come as a blessing in disguise.

It's taken a great deal of pressure off his shoulders and has placed Platt in the hot seat.

Farina was signed by Bari during the 'on-off' transfer negotiations with Platt and his English club Aston Villa.

But Bari has made it clear that the signing of Farina was not just 'one of convenience' in case the Platt deal fell through.

Bari has gone to great lengths to make it perfectly clear they have big hopes for their Australian Bomber.

Indeed, this has been justified in his pre-season games.

For the past few years, Farina's name has been linked with numerous Italian clubs and his form in Belgium with FC Brugge, was not lost in the Italian media.

Also, coming from Australia and being born of Italian parentage has added a touch of magic to his Bari venture.

Frank is not in the least put out about teammate Platt grabbing the major spotlight at the club.

"When your team signs a superstar such as David Platt, it's a big advantage to everyone," Frank declared in Bari last week.



"As far as I am concerned, it has a double meaning.

"There will now be more pressure on David to perform and less on me.

"Also, playing alongside such a fine player will help my form and bring out the best in me."

Already, throughout Italy, Farina is regarded as having the talents of a classic goal scorer.

And his great ability to create space for his teammates is a talent that is a big bonus for Bari in a competition dominated by tight defensive marking.

Another aspect of his style that has endeared him to the Bari fans, is

his astonishing fitness and stamina.

The locals are amazed at his ability to keep going at top pace for 90 minutes without losing his poise in front of goal when chances appear.

"I'm a born fighter and someone who never gives up," is how he described himself to the Italian media.

"Sure my play is not as technical as some of the big stars here, and I know my limitations.

"It's important for a footballer to realise his strengths and weaknesses.

"I think I now know how to utilise my strengths and cover up my weaknesses.

"I love scoring goals and helping my teammates to score."

Bombarded by questions from the media over the past few weeks, here was his answers to some of their questions.

What is your first impression of Italian football?

"Well until now there's only been training sessions and practice games. It's a hard question and one which I can only answer when the season starts."

Will it be harder for you to play here than it was in Belgium?

"Of course it will. The technical level in Italy is much higher. When I arrived in Belgium it was one of a different nature. I arrived from Australia and I had to alter my entire way of living. The first few weeks were really difficult, but I didn't lose my confidence and I settled down. Here in Italy, it will not be the living environment that

will be difficult, it will be the football."

For the last two years there has been talk of you joining an Italian club, how come you just arrived this year?

"Because Brugge were asking for too big a transfer fee. I was still under contract and I couldn't do anything about it. Genoa and Bologna were interested at that time, but a move then was just not on as the fee Brugge was asking was crazy."

Who are your favorite strikers — now and in the past?

"When I was young, my idol was Johan Cruyff. At the present time there are many players I admire. Maybe my favorite would be van Basten."

What do you think of Australia's fine showing in the World Youth Championships in Portugal?

"For me it's not something new. Australian soccer at that level has always been competitive. I remember in 1981 our national youth team made the quarter finals. The big problem in Australia is that it is difficult for a 19 year old to progress in a country where football is not fully professional. The ones with the talent and the luck go overseas and the rest resign themselves by staying at home playing at that level."

Frank Farina is a credit to Australian football and looks certain to succeed in his new career in Italy.



New team-mates at Bari — David Platt and Frank Farina pose for the Italian media.

Doing it in style

BY MIKE JOHNSON

I went down to Seymour Shaw Park the other night to watch Sutherland prepare for its premiership winning game against Avala.

It was Tuesday night, business as usual.

First team coach Bill Rigby had his boys out on the main field while John O'Shea had the seconds on the adjacent field.

Bill Rigby went through his usual Tuesday night routine of five-a-side, then coached a 7v7 practice, did sprints, then shooting.

John O'Shea's squad did similar work. Both squads started at 6.30pm and finished at 8pm.

Many soccer coaches have 1½ hour sessions, because that is the time period of matches.

Such considerations does not concern league, basketball and Aussie rules coaches, whose sessions go well over 2 hrs.

However, the 1½ hour session is favoured by soccer coaches in State League and National League especially when they have three or four training sessions in a week.

Four trainings in National League was popular (with coaches not players) when first introduced by Frank Arok at St George in the 1970s.

However, there is a trend to three nights these days with most National League and State League teams.

Sutherland, both in second and first grades, is fortunate that its players mainly live in the Sutherland Shire

area which allows them to all be there at 6.30pm.

Frank Arok at St George insists that players be there for training start at 6pm.

Rigby has them starting earlier, which of course allows them longer and more trainings as the players are able to be home at a reasonable hour.

Quality training has been a big factor in the success of Sutherland this year.

Some State League clubs have been training on dimly lit training fields with cricket pitches in the middle, with players coming to training from all parts of the metropolitan area, often struggling to be ready by 6.30pm.

Sutherland has not had to do that.

Its main field has excellent floodlights and good amenities.

Bill Rigby has taken great advantage of them.

His trainings have been very efficient, as

has O'Shea's, whose team is also high in the competition.

Bill has had more money to spend than the other two.

During the last two seasons Sutherland has at last been able to attract sponsorship money.

The new president and his committee probably can claim credit for that.

Whatever the source, this money has been able to bring in higher class of player during the last two years.

Last year it was John Kosmina and Graham Arnold.

This year Mike O'Shea and Shane Clinch.

John Lavin did very well to win Sutherland its first ever grand final beating Melita a few years back.

Bill Rigby has won Sutherland its first State League premiership against outstanding opposition this year.

This minor premiership holds out a major prize of \$20,000 while the major premiership, the grand final winner, only gets \$5,000 in prizemoney.

The success of Sutherland spearheads a resurgence among some of the district soccer clubs in Sydney.

Ethnic clubs have been winning almost all of the honours in the various NSW State Leagues in recent years.

But this year the State League success of

Sutherland, the development and success of Blacktown City, the performance of Warin-gah Freshwater, then the second division premiership win of Waverley, joined by the top five achievement of Mt Pritchard all points to a return to prominence of district clubs.

Two other second division district clubs, Campbelltown and Gladesville, are expected next year to make a charge back into the State League limelight.

But for the moment the prime achievement belongs to Sutherland.

In another year its win could have taken it into the National League.

This year it only has a trophy to show for playing some excellent football, with Mike and Robert O'Shea, Shane Clinch, Grant Bard and Darryl Sharp prominent.

But the people in power in local government in the well populated Sutherland Shire have not missed the achievement.

Currently they are talking about developing Seymour Shaw Oval into a genuine stadium.

It would be great to see another Gabbie Stadium set down in Sutherland Shire.

Then what will happen if the Sharks win the league again next year. Do they go up to National League?



Farina with Bari President Antonio Matarrese.

Australia's Foreign Legion is ready for all the action



Vlado Bozinoski in action against Argentina.

BY LOU GAUTIER

AUSTRALIA will be well represented in Europe this season.

With the leagues in most countries about to kick off or already well under way, no less than 29 Australian-born players are now contracted to overseas clubs, all but one in Europe.

The only non-European based Australian is Colo Colo (Chile) youth goalkeeper John Crawley.

We did not take any of the Australians now playing in the Malaysian League into account as they are not owned by their Asian clubs,

but are guest players.

England, not surprisingly, remains the chief magnet for Aussie footballers, but the younger, not established ones.

To my knowledge, not a single adult Australian player has made a lasting impact on English First Division football when going there as an established Australian star, John Kosmina and Alan Davidson illustrating this point.

David Mitchell, after a successful career with Feyenoord in Holland, failed to make the grade at Chelsea.

Let's hope he does well with Swindon in the Second Division

where he will no doubt be playing against the latest Aussie in England, David Clarkson, now with Brighton and Hove Albion.

Tony Dorigo, the flag carrier for Australians in Britain, is, of course, now a naturalised Briton who went to Australia as a teenager, as did Craig Johnston in the 70s at an even earlier age.

Despite Frank Farina's departure to Bari in Italy, the Aussie connection in Belgium remains strong even if Jason Polak did leave Kortrijk to join Graham Arnold in Holland.

Polak will play for

newly promoted First Division De Graafschap, while Gary van Egmond has left Roda to return to Marconi.

Jason van Blerk is in the process of finding a Belgian or Dutch club after being released by relegated Sankt Truid

of Belgium, and all Aussie fans will keep their fingers crossed that Paul Okon, Lorenz Kindtner and Aurelio Vidmar make it in Belgian football.

Zlatko Arambasic is on the threshold of a starting spot at Mechelen, the strongest club in Belgium behind Anderlecht and after an injury-plagued inaugural season there, seems destined for a great 1991/92.

Vlado Bozinoski's club in the upcoming Portuguese season is still up in the air, with both First Division Chaves and Beira Mar chasing the former Sporting Lisbon midfielder.

And in France, Robbie Slater, already six rounds into the French First Division, is firing on all cylinders and is justifying his tag as the best paid Australian footballer on the continent behind Frank Farina and the evergreen Eddie Krncevic, who is embarking on his 10th season in Europe.

It's now a toss-up whether Farina or Leeds new boy Tony Dorigo cashes in the biggest monthly pay cheque of all of the Australians now playing their trade abroad.

The Aussies contracted to foreign clubs are:



CHRIS KALANTZIS

Holland

- ★ GRAHAM ARNOLD — Roda
- ★ JASON POLAK — De Graafschap

Italy

- ★ FRANK FARINA — Bari

Chile

- ★ JOHN CRAWLEY — Colo Colo

Poland

- ★ DAVID KEALEY — Legia Warsaw

Portugal

- ★ VLADO BOZINOSKI — Chaves/Beira Mar

France

- ★ ROBBIE SLATER — Lens

Scotland

- ★ LACHLAN ARMSTRONG — Dundee

Greece

- ★ JIM PATIKAS — AEK
- ★ CHRIS KALANTZIS — Panathinaikos
- ★ LOU HRISTODOULOU — Panathinaikos
- ★ JOHN ANASTASI

ADIS — PAOK

- ★ TONY SPYRIDAKOS — Pierikos

England

- ★ DAVID MITCHELL — Swindon
- ★ DAVID CLARKSON — Brighton & Hove Albion
- ★ JASON KEARTON — Everton
- ★ PATRICK BRADLEY — Bury
- ★ ANDREW PATTERSON — Luton Town
- ★ TONY DORIGO — Leeds United
- ★ DAVID OLDFIELD — Leicester City
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Soccer is very strong at Fairfield

BY PETER SCALIA

WHEN one speaks of the sporting legacy that is Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield, what instantly comes to mind is the ever-popular and ever-present game of rugby league.

This is perhaps not without good reasons, as the College has long been regarded as a great rugby league school.

One needs only to point to the record, five Commonwealth Bank Cup titles won during the Cup's 16 year history, or speak of past athletes like Greg Alexander, Paul Langmack and Peter Sterling to understand why.

But whilst these great players were writing their names for posterity in the rugby league annals, many other athletes strove for achievement and recognition upon the soccer field.

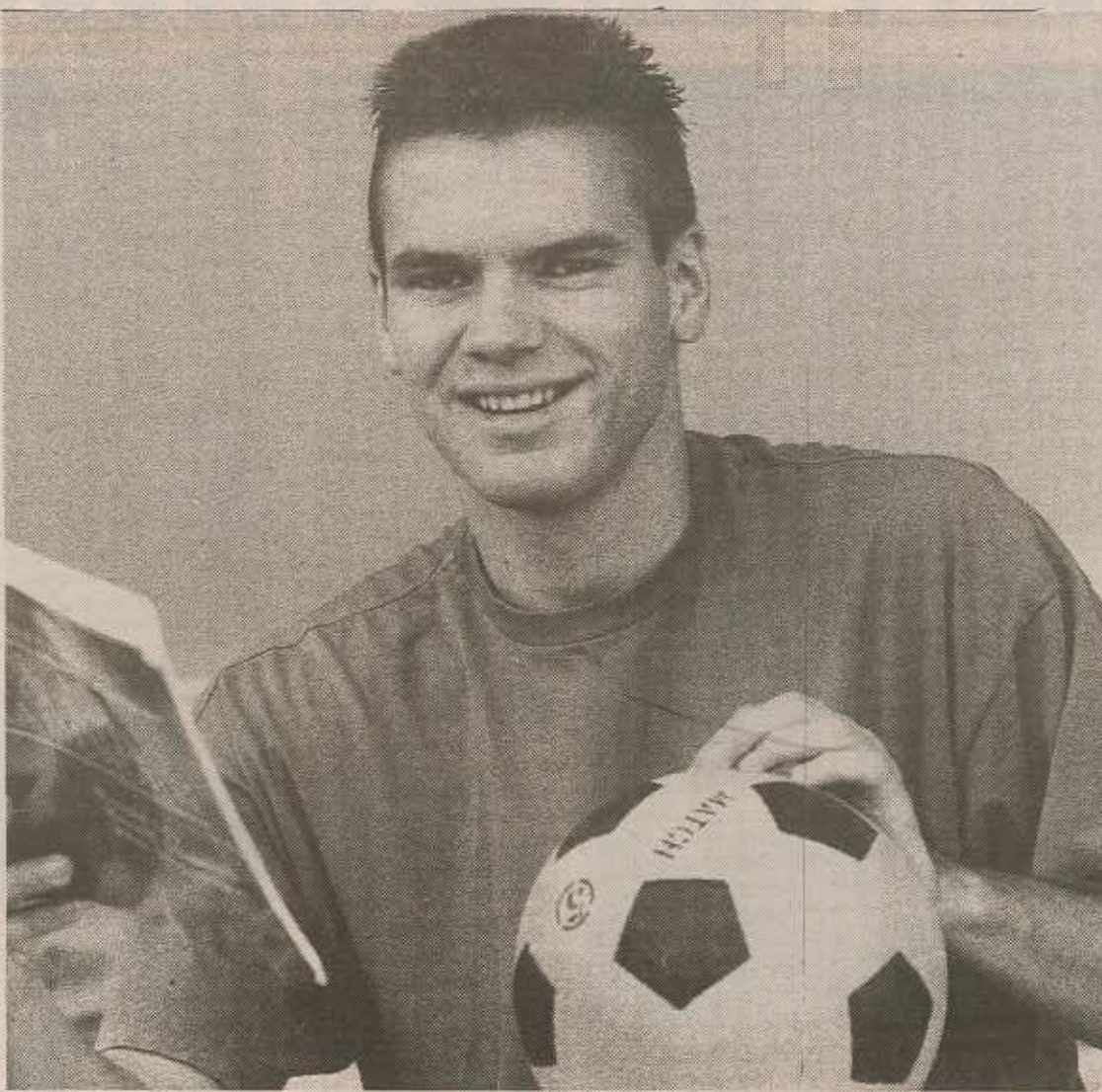
And here again, the College can rightly boast a successful tradition dating back to the late 1970s when soccer was first established as an alternative code of football, through the creation of the PBC, Fairfield Soccer Club.

The College Soccer Club organised up to 25 teams representing all levels, and entered them in the now celebrated Saturday League, where they have enjoyed reasonable success.

The Saturday League had one other important result! It encouraged the creation of highly competitive teams to take part in the Metropolitan Catholic Schools Competition.

The MCS Competition has been a most encouraging and impressive experience for Fairfield schoolboy soccer! The four representative teams have enjoyed great success in the past ten years by consistently reaching the semi final stage of the competition and by securing many premier-ships in all four grades.

In the current year the College can proudly



TONY KRSLOVIC: a former pupil

say that all four MCS teams have earned the right to play in the semi finals which will be held early this term.

The MCS Competition in turn has encouraged the school to participate in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, the Combined Catholic Schools Competition and the Bill Turner Cup.

The commitment of the College to the game has had positive consequences on a national scale as well! Many former students have progressed from the College teams to Youth League teams, and eventually first grade NSL teams, such as Sydney Croatia, APIA Leichhardt, Marconi Fairfield, Melita Eagles and St George.

In connection to this, names like Klaus Okon (first grade APIA), Tony Krslovic (first grade Sydney Croatia), Steve Calderan (first grade Marconi), Bruno Vidaic

(first grade Sydney Croatia) and Adam Ciantar (first grade St George) come to mind.

A few have progressed even further, reaching the ultimate level of Australian soccer by representing their nation in international tournaments.

Tony Krslovic and Steve Calderan both represented the senior Socceroos in Australia's recent matches against Czechoslovakia, and of course, Paul Okon, member of the Olympic team and captain of the Young Socceroos recently represented his country proudly in the 1991 Youth World Cup, held in Portugal.

This success is not only due to the encouragement afforded by the College through the Saturday League and the MCS Competition, it is also the result of a number of other factors.

Firstly, one should never underestimate the importance of the support of parents within the College community.

Parents who encourage their sons to play this great game, and who give up their valuable time to support their sons at matches, or parents who coach or have coached the Saturday

League teams, have all contributed to the College's soccer success!

One should also point to the multicultural nature of the students of the College. Pupils from Croatian, Maltese, South American, Greek, and Italian backgrounds has meant that coaches have been able to recruit players who possess knowledge of the game, talent and enthusiasm.

It is also important to highlight the geographical position of the school! Fairfield is in the heart of Sydney soccer and it has long felt the positive influence of the best NSL clubs in Australia. Clubs like Marconi, Blacktown City and Melita Eagles and Sydney Croatia.

Lastly and importantly, one must say that the College's success in soccer is also due to the fact that it has been fortunate to have, or have had experienced, enthusiastic and informed people on staff who have worked hard to promote the game, so that it would receive the same respect as rugby league does within the College community—

to people like Mr Maurice Gili who helped create the PBC Fairfield Soccer Club; Greg McGriskin,

Sportsmaster and coach of the NSW Catholic schoolboys team, whose knowledge and experience have been an inspiration to his past youth league players within Blacktown City, Marconi and Nepean, and an inspiration to all MCS coaches.

One must also mention Peter Brogan, a member of the College staff who played first grade soccer for Marconi, Blacktown City and Penrith City. He is currently the Director of Coaching within the PBC Fairfield Soccer Club.

Soccer then has a long and impressive tradition at Fairfield Pats! A tradition that, as long as there are people like Maurice Gili, Peter Brogan and Greg McGriskin at the College, will be maintained and enhanced in the future!

The College presently has the talent and the administrators to be able to say to the soccer community, that Fairfield Pats is a significant force in Australian Schoolboy soccer, and that it will continue to play its part in producing players of the calibre of Paul Okon, Steve Calderan, and Tony Krslovic for the benefit of the entire Australian soccer community.

SOCCER is one of the first sports to be taken up by the North Coast Academy of Sport in Lismore, and all indications are that the arrangements are likely to be a boon for the code.

Amongst the players who have come from the area in the past are former Socceroo goalkeeper Terry Greedy, Sydney Olympic's mid-field dynamo Gary Phillips, and the three Foster brothers.

Determined to follow their footsteps is a young primary schoolboy from Lismore, Shaun Healey.

He was selected by NSW Director of Coach David Lee as an outstanding possibility when he visited this big city recently.

Shaun attends St Cathage's school there, but back in 1990 was voted 'School Footballer of the Year' in Maltby, England, before coming to Australia.

He has set out his priorities as wanting to become a Socceroo now that he is a 'Dinky Di' Aussie, but his favourite player remains David Hirst of Sheffield Wednesday, and his second ambition is to play for Wednesday when he is older.

This academy is located on the North Coast campus of the New England University, which is also centred on the Northern Tablelands city of Armidale.

David Lee points to a big seminar to be held at the Academy in October, and strong representations have been made to Robert De Castella to be present on the occasion.

Unfortunately for soccer, the code missed out some years back in gaining a place in the Academy of Sport at Narrabeen, a mistake that should not have been allowed to

happen.

Continual efforts must be made to gain membership, as it is essential that the sport has the widest possible access to centres which will lift the quality of football.

The Western NSW Academy of Sport is due to begin at Bathurst next January with two sports involved.

The Academy has agreed to consider soccer for its 1993 intake.

It is located on the campus of the Sturt University, formerly known as Mitchell College of Advanced Education.

Soccer is also aiming to be involved by 1993 at the sports academy located in the city of Wagga Wagga.

This will be known as the Riverina Academy of Sport and sited at the Sturt University's Wagga campus.

Soccer has not yet been able to join in activities of the Illawarra Academy, but local Director of Coaching Chris James is moving heaven and earth to gain membership for the future.

Having access to such centres of sport excellence spread through the NSW country and city alike will bring forward more of the quality players of the Craig Johnston and Frank Farina mould.

For the first time in Federation era soccer, the code is producing local talent in acceptable numbers.

However, it is well documented that, like even the South American giant countries of soccer, many of our best products are quickly moving into European football.

Future Australian success is tied to having a continual stream of quality youngsters, for the sake of the national teams, as well as the National and State League.



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NEWCASTLE'S NEW STAND IN CONSTRUCTION

AFTER nine years as Queensland director of coaching, Bruce Stowell decided it was time to return to the real world.

Stowell said he knows what to expect in his new role as coach of newly-admitted National League club the Newcastle Austral Breakers after having coached Sydney City in the NSL's inaugural 1977 season and Western Suburbs in 1978.

"Returning to NSL coaching was a step I felt I needed to take after nine years," he said.

"The other attraction was starting at a new club that had no existing barriers in terms of past coaches, committee members or players — I can do things my way."

Stowell's first signings were former St George defender Andrew Koczka, who will

be used as sweeper, Sydney Olympic midfielder John Koch and promising 17-year-old Queensland midfielder Darren Hillier, who Stowell describes as "an outstanding prospect".

Negotiations are also under way to lure three international visa players, two strikers and a midfielder, as well as three other experienced NSL players.

Stowell said he was looking to introduce his own method of attacking soccer loosely based on the Dutch style of "total football".

"One thing I learned while in Queensland was how to better relate to individuals, both as people and as players," he said.

"In the footballing context I expect all the players to perform a variety of roles to form an exciting, attacking style."

Off-field the Austral Stadium, whose nam-

ing rights are being negotiated, is being fitted with a new \$1.3 million grandstand and a new 120 lux lighting system for the club's Friday night home games.

Stowell said the Breakers could draw crowds of around 10,000 for their first two home games against NSL glamour sides Adelaide City and So-

uth Melbourne, matches he says will fully test his rookie side.

Stowell said the Breakers, who have nothing to do with previous NSL teams from the city, chose their maritime name to emphasise their association with Newcastle and, unlike most NSL clubs, their lack of an individual ethnic link.

Charges are laid

BY GREG BLAKE

THREE St Albans officials, including outspoken coach Tony Vrzina, will face the Victorian Soccer Federation disciplinary committee tomorrow night (Wednesday) on charges laid in the wake of incidents at the North Crinigan Reserve home of Morwell Falcons late last month.

And the Premier League club itself has also been charged with failing to control its officials.

The charges follow an official investigation into events on the day in question in round 21, as St Albans drew 1-1 with Morwell Falcons after the home side had come from behind with a second half injury time goal.

Following disturbances after the match, referee John Rutter, who was allegedly abused in the change rooms, lodged a report on the incidents.

Based on his report official Joe Jovic will front the disciplinary committee on charges of having entered the

referee's dressing room and abused the referee.

St Albans' team manager has been cited for entering the field of play and abusing the referee, as well as having allegedly tampered with the referee's motor vehicle.

Rutter's car was damaged by a person or persons unknown after the game.

Coach Tony Vrzina is alleged to have continually abused the referee after the game.

It is the second time in one week that the VSF has heard charges against a Premier League coach.

Last Wednesday night Oakleigh coach Cedo Cirkovic faced charges following incidents at two different fixtures.

It was alleged that Cirkovic used foul and abusive language to referee Barry Grant, and then manhandled the referee after the game, following his side's 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Albion on July 28.

He also faced charges of having used foul and abusive language towards official Giuseppe Crupi on July 17, the night Oakleigh went down 2-1 under lights at Thomastown.

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Charleroi 3 Ekeren 1, Mechelen 1 Lokeren 1, C. Bruges 0 FC Liege 0, Ghent 1 Lierse 1, Antwerp 3 Aalst 0, Genk 1 Waregem 0, Standard Liege 1 Club Bruges 2, Kortrijk 1 Anderlecht 4, Malenbeek 1 Beveren 0.

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Penarol celebrates 100 years

SEPTEMBER 1991 will be a memorable date for Uruguayan glamor club Penarol.

It will be its 100th anniversary. Penarol had been founded as the Central Uruguayan Railway Athletic Cricket Club in 1881 and changed their name in 1913 as the British influence waned.

The railway siding and offices were near the Italian Pignarolo district after the land owner Pedro Pignarolo — and so the Spanish style of the name was adopted for the club.

"You will be eternal like the time and you will blossom in every Spring."

That was the headline used by Franklin Morales, a well known Uruguayan journalist, to describe Penarol's accomplishments in the prestigious Argentine sports magazine "El Grafico" after the Uruguayan club won the Libertadores Cup in 1982.

The magazine dedicated its full edition to enhance Penarol's achievements. A great distinction for a great institution.

Penarol have won the world club cup more times than any other

teams, but their success is no modern football phenomenon. Penarol have dominated Uruguayan soccer since its earliest days; provided a host of stars for Uruguay's 1930 and 1950 World Cup-winning sides; and long since earned the right to consider themselves one of the world's greatest clubs.

Their international awakening came in 1960 when Penarol won the inaugural Libertadores Cup, the major South American championship at club level. They were trashed by Real Madrid in the first World Club final but returned the next year to make amends with victory over Benfica.

It was no less than the talents of players such as defender William Martinez, midfielder Nestor Gonzalez and Eduardo striker Alberto Spencer deserved.

Penarol regained the World Club trophy in 1966 — taking revenge over Real Madrid for 1960 by winning both home and away matches — and then returned after 16 years in 1982 to defeat Aston Villa 2-0 in Tokyo.

By now Penarol were led by another of the great names of Uruguayan football: Fernando Morena.

As a boy he had been a supporter of Penarol's deadly rivals Nacional, but Penarol discovered him first playing for the minor Montevideo club River Plate and for more than a decade he was Uruguayan top scorer.

Morena holds the highest scorer's record for the Uruguayan league with 38 goals in one season.

Morena has totalled more than 600 goals in a career which also featured a brief period in Spain with Rayo Vallecano and Valencia, before was bought back by Penarol and later went to Argentina to join

Boca Juniors.

Penarol have always been used to superstars, even though the financial problems of keeping them have been immense.

It was Nacional, its old enemy, who provided the backbone of the 1930 World Cup-winning Uruguayan team.

But the 1950 victory, against all the odds . . . and Brazil, their hosts, in the final, was "made in Penarol".

Goalkeeper Roque Maspoli — later coach when Penarol won the 1966 World Cup — captain and centre-half Obdulio Varela, striker

Alcides Ghiggia, centre-forward Oscar Omar Miguez, defender Rodriguez Andrade and attacking midfielder Juan Alberto Schiaffino all came from Penarol.

Ghiggia and Schiaffino scored the Uruguayan goals in the 2-1 victory over Brazil at Maracana Stadium, in front of 194,000 Brazilian fans.

Schiaffino was one of Penarol's best players. He made his Penarol debut at the age of 18, in 1945, alongside his elder brother Raul, and nine

years later was sold to Italy's AC Milan for a then world record 140,000 dollars.

More than any other player Schiaffino was ideally suited to the skilled, economical style introduced to the club in 1910 by Scotsman John Harley.

Currently Uruguayan coach, the skilful and unpredictable striker Luis Cubilla was discovered by Penarol; three times "South American Player of the Year", Chilean defender Elias Figueroa, was also discovered by Penarol when he was only 17 and played for Chile in the 1967 Copa America.

Ladislao Mazurkewicz, one of the best goalkeepers in the world in the last 25 years, made his debut for Penarol at the age of 17. Many others, like Pedro Rocha, Julio Cesar Abbadie, Julio Lozada, Peruvian striker Juan Joya, Jose Sacia, Luis Maidana, Juan Eduardo Hohberg, Matos and the Maestro Jose Piendibene are part of Penarol's illustrious history.

A history including 39 league titles, starting in

1900 — a Uruguayan record — five Copa Libertadores (1960, 1961, 1966, 1982 and 1987) and three World Cups (1961, 1966 and 1982), plus many other international victories impossible to enumerate.

TOPS!

In Ecuador, Barcelona, the 1990 Libertadores Cup runner up, leads the local championship with 37 points followed by Nacional with 37, Valdez 33, Liga Deportiva and Emelec 30, Technico Universitario 26, Quito 25 and Cuenca 23.

★★★

Uruguayan striker Enzo Francescoli wants to return to Argentine club River Plate after one more season with Italian Cagliari and then end his career playing with Penarol of Uruguay.

Francescoli is one of the three Uruguayans playing for Cagliari. The other two are defender Jose Herrera (ex-Penarol) and Daniel Fonseca (ex-Nacional).

Unido leads

COQUIMBO Unido, despite its defeat against Fernandez Vial, maintained the lead in the Chilean national league.

The newcomers lost their unbeaten record when they went down 1-0 at home.

Copa Libertadores champion, Colo Colo, after two successive defeats regained its best form, and beat Santiago Wanderers 2-0.

Meanwhile, regional Antofagasta, the only unbeaten team in the com-

petition drew 1-1 with Universidad de Chile. In other results, Concepcion and Universidad Catolica drew 2-2, Everton defeated La Serena 1-0, O'Higgins away beat Union Espanola 2-0, Cobresal also away won 2-0 against Cobresal and Palestino scored a 4-2 win over Osorno.

Coquimbo Unido leads the competition with 16 points followed by Antofagasta with 15, Universidad Catolica and Concepcion 13 each, Colo Colo and O'Higgins 11 points.

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LAZIO STRIKER HAS TWO BIG TARGETS FOR 1992

GERMAN striker Karl-Heinz Riedle had set himself two targets for 1991. He wanted a UEFA Cup spot, with his Italian club, Lazio, and a permanent place in the national team.

The first target he missed: Lazio finished a disappointing 11th in the Italian championship.

As for the second, he is still waiting and hoping — a year after collecting a World Cup — winner's medal in what was about to become his home city of Rome.

At Italia '90, Riedle played one full game, plus three as substitute.

His penalties in the decisive shoot-out helped to eliminate England in the semi-final.

He had signed for Lazio in April and moved to Italy immediately after the World Cup for a German record fee of \$12 million.

Impressed

The Italians had been impressed by his remarkable strength in the air although he stands only 5ft 10in and his goal instinct.

But Riedle also is technically sound, has pace and a cracking shot.



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Idyllic

Riedle was born on September 16, 1965, in Weiler, in the idyllic Allgau, near the foothills of the Bavarian Alps.

As is customary in Germany, he learned a trade before becoming a full-time footballing pro, and is a qualified butcher.

He first played for the amateurs of TSV Elhofen, then SV Weiler, and between 1982 and 1986, with FC Augsburg.

There he learned the game at a higher level in a club noted for development of talent.

Such world stars as Helmut Haller and Bernd Schuster once played for Augsburg, while in recent times

Bayern Munich's international keeper, Raimond Aumann, and defender Roland Grammer, were prominent pupils of the Augsburg "academy".

Un 1986 Riedle signed for Blau-Weiss '90 Berlin, but when they were relegated at the end of his first season there he moved to Werder Bremen for £360,000.

Meanwhile he attracted the national attention and in 1986 and 1987 he played four times in the Under-21 team, and once in the Olympic XI.

His first full international was in August 1988, and he scored once in a 4-0 World Cup qualifying win over Finland.

On his arrival in Bremen Riedle was hailed as "a new Voller", he rejected the comparison, saying "I don't want to be a Voller. Everybody has strengths and weaknesses. I want to utilise my strengths."

Problems

He had problems at first in unfamiliar surroundings saying, "In Bremen they train harder than in Berlin."

But the team manager, Otto Rehhagel, believed in him and he fulfilled his three-year contract before embarking on the Italian adventure.

The man who hired him, Lazio president Gianmarco Calleri is also behind the Gascoigne deal.

He wants to upstage fierce local rivals Roma, but his other two foreigners Uruguayan Ruben Sosa and Argentinian Pedro Troglio, didn't exactly set the Tiber alight.

Nonetheless, Lazio had a hard core of supporters: 4,000 of them are expected again as usual this summer just to see the pre-season training.

"Unbelievable," says Riedle.

"These are quite different dimensions to those in the Bundesliga."

Riedle and his wife Gaby love life in Rome.

They have rented a villa in the fashionable district of Parioli, close to Lazio's new training ground, and are full of praise for team manager Dino Zoff, the legendary 'keeper and holder of the Italian record 112 caps.

"A super type, calm and objective," says Riedle. "He's marvelous."

The money is good



KARL-HEINZ RIEDLE: big goals this year.

too. Riedle was given a signing-on fee of some \$5 million, while his wages are estimated at \$1.5 million a year, plus bonuses.

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RINCON (Colombia) and QUINONES (Ecuador) do battle in the recent Copa America. Colombia did well to finish fourth with Rincon one of the top players in Chile. Quinones is rated one of Ecuador's best-ever players.

ANOTHER PARISIAN BRAZILIAN

PARIS St Germain have signed Brazil World Cup, midfielder Valdo from Portuguese club Benfica for \$5.2 million.

The 27-year-old is the third Brazilian to sign for Paris since Portuguese coach Artur Jorge took over in July.

He joins World Cup captain Ricardo, who was also at Benfica last season, and Geraldo, who was at Jorge's old club Porto.

Paris vice-president Michel Denisot said he went for Valdo, whose full name is Valdo Candido Filho, when he failed to persuade Barcelona to release Danish star Michael Laudrup.



Carlos Valderrama, Montpellier's Colombian international midfielder — trans-

ferred from France to Valladolid of Spain this season, where he will link up with former Colombian national team coach Francisco Maturana.

Sao Tome e Principe

SMALL COUNTRY WORTH KNOWING

IF YOU haven't heard of the independent African country of Sao Tome e Principe, don't be ashamed.

This is among the smallest and poorest and remotest countries in the world; two islands, nestling some 40km above the equator where west Africa meets central Africa.

With only 120,000 people it is the second smallest country in Africa after the Seychelles, covering 964 square kilometres.

Sao Tome e Principe, once a Portuguese colony, became independent in 1975 at around the same time Portugal gave away its other colonies in Africa — Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau and Mozambique.

Portuguese influence is still heavy and the passion for soccer plays a big part. Sao Tome citizens still bet on the Portuguese "Toto-bola" very week and eagerly await the results of the matches.

Soccer in Sao Tome is far removed from the glamour of the European continent — and has a quaintness all of its own.

Lack of resources means the game is played on a par with village football in most developed countries.

There are no entrance fees for spectators, only one recognised stadium, and the un-hurried attitude peculiar to the tropics.

There is not even a national league, with the two islands having leagues of their own and then playing off against each other to determine the nation's champion team.

Sao Tome e Principe have not played an international since 1987 and do not look likely to do so for some time to come.

The country only joined FIFA and the Confederation of African Football in 1986, and have fewer than 1,000 registered players.

Since independence the national team have been involved in 13 international games, winning only one.

But they have come some way from their first appearance, in the Central African Games in Brazzaville, Congo, in 1976, when the home team beat them 11-0.

Their sole victory came a year later when they hosted Rwanda to two friendly matches, winning the first 1-0 and drawing the other. Since then there have been draws with Angola, Equatorial Guinea and Cameroun, but no other victory.

Officials say there is also little chance of entering teams into either the African Champions' Cup or Cup-winner's Cup.

Internally, though, the game remains lively.

The league season runs for most of the calendar year, and there is also a cup competition.

Clubs from the capital of Sao Tome have dominated both with Vitoria Riboque, who use the national July 12th Stadium as their home venue, the most

successful.

Sao Tome's footballers, unlike those from the other former Portuguese colonies, have made little impression in European leagues.

But there are a few playing in the Second Division in Portugal, and the country's favourite footballer, To'Adao, was recently signed by Union Douala of Cameroun, who were on the island last year for a series of friendly matches.

Another exile, Armando, plays for Petro Atletico, the leading club in Angola.

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WORLD SOCCER

TWO NEW AMIGOS!

THE United States and Mexico have succeeded in their bids to play in the 1993 Copa America.

Their admission to Latin America's prestige soccer tournament was announced by Joao Havelange, head of FIFA.

Both countries were keen to have a warm-up tournament before the 1994 World Cup, being hosted by the United States.



UNITED GERMAN COMP IS NOW UNDER WAY!

SURVIVAL is all former East German soccer teams are hoping for when they joined expanded German First Division in the first united championship since 1944.

Last year's East German champions Hansa Rostock and runners-up Dynamo Dresden provide the former Communist East's only representatives in the top division, but denu- ded of their former stars.

A major exodus of top players to more lucra- tive west German clubs since the fall of the Berlin Wall has left the east's teams deprived totally of top-quality players and weighed down with financial worries.

Hansa coach Uwe Reinders, in charge of a cheap outfit of players who are robust but will need a great deal of oil- ing to take on the finesse of 12-times champions Bayern Munich, is under no illusions about his side's chances.

"From day one, the Bundesliga is going to be a battle for survival for us," the former Werder Bremen and Bordeaux (France) stri- ker said.

"Our goal is to avoid relegation. We have strengthened the team to secure the fifth place from bottom at least," he said.

In a First Division ex- panded to 20 teams this season to incorporate the eastern clubs, four will be relegated both this season and next to slim the league down to 16 sides by the 1993-4 season.

For Dynamo and Hansa, avoiding the drop will be regarded as a major achievement.



An incident from last season's Bayer Leverkusen v VfB Stuttgart.

More than 50 leading professionals have left the East since last Octo- ber's unification.

Most of the clubs, struggling for money, needed the cash from the sales in order to survive.

In the first wave of departures, Dynamo lost leading stars Mat- thias Sammer and Ulf Kirsten to VfB Stutt- gart and Bayer Lever- kusen.

Sammer has since be- come a regular player in Berti Vogts's inter- national side.

"If things go on like that football will soon be dead here," said Reinders, one of the few to have remained loyal to the eastern clubs.

The 36-year-old played four times for Germany.

East German clubs, six of whom have joined the Second Division — the rest play in the amateur leagues —

have not been helped by the East's severe economic problems which have made it tough to attract spon- sors.

High unemployment in the port of Rostock, which has suffered greatly in the transformation from a communist to capitalist economy, will not help attendances.

A recent wave of hooliganism in the east has provided further concern.

But Dynamo's new coach Helmut Schulte, the former Sankt Pauli coach, takes some in- spiration from the story of Kaiserslautern, who emerged from nowhere last season to become only the second club to take the title away from Bayern in seven seasons.

"The times of Bayern could be over if the other teams realise their potential and take all the respect away

from the Munich mo- mentum," Schulte said.

"More than two teams will be battling it out at the top. Not Dresden yet. But we want to keep up."

Kaiserslautern will find it hard to repro- duce their form of last season.

But they are among a group of five who have realistic hopes of chal- lenging Bayern which includes Hamburg, Werder Bremen, Ein- tracht Frankfurt and VfB Stuttgart.

After losing defen- ders Stefan Reuter and Juergen Kohler to Itali- an side Juventus at the end of last season and the retirement of World Cup libero Klaus Au- genthaler, Bayern have made key signings in the close season.

Au- genthaler's replacement in the na- tional side, Thomas Ber- thold, has returned from Italy to boost the Bavarians' defence. Kaiserslautern striker Bruno Labbadia and Brazilian international midfielder Bernardo have also signed.

With nine of Vogts's national squad playing in Italy, the Bundesliga is missing world-class stars and attendances did not boom last season despite last year's World Cup triumph.

Club chairmen will be hoping another team like Kaiserslautern can emerge to challenge Bayern and the former East German clubs can survive to add spice to the season.



Peter Ndlovu of Zimbabwe is beaten to the ball by Congo's Frederic Nganga in African Nations' Cup qualifying action. Congo have made it to next year's finals in Senegal and Ndlovu is now a pro in England.

The African Nations' Cup

TWELVE teams have qualified for the finals of the African Nations' Cup tournament in Senegal next year.

Ten teams have qualified for the January 12-26 finals.

Senegal and title holders Algeria qualify automatically.

It will be the first time 12 sides have competed in the finals.

The 10 qualifiers are Cameroun, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Morocco, Nigeria, Ghana, Zambia, Kenya, Congo, Zaire.

The 12 will be divided into four groups with the top two from each group qualifying for the quarter-finals.

ISRAELI FOREIGN LEGION GROWING

LAST season the 12 first division Israeli teams employed 21 foreigners — eight from the Soviet Union, six from Argentina, three from Poland, two from Bulgaria, one each from Panama and Jamaica.

The most bizarre episode was the brief appearance of the famous Soviet defender Vladimir Besonov in Maccabi Haifa colours.

After only two games Besonov left Israel, and went to play in the German second division.

Betar, Jerusalem and Hapoel Kfar-Saba were relegated, Macca- bi Petah Tikva and Maccabi Yavne replac- ing them next season.

That will be the sea- son which will decide the three teams to rep- resent Israel for the first time ever in the European club cups.

Maccabi Haifa com- pleted their first ever double when the best- supported team in Israel won a war-inter- rupted championship



for the fourth time and the cup for only the second time.

Haifa's season turned around after a humiliating 5-0 thrashing by Maccabi Netanya led to the arri- val of Soviet internation- al goalkeeper Victor Chanov.

Immediately, Haifa looked a different team.

In 17 league games he conceded only seven goals as Haifa collected 40 out of a possible 54 points.

Chanov opened the eyes of the so-called ex- perts by bringing to the art of goalkeeping a new dimension.

With his marvellous reading of the game he was not only the man who prevented goals, he created them with his long, accurate clear- ances.

POLAND ROUTED

FRANCE, unbeaten for two years, thras- hed Poland 5-1 last Wednesday in a frien- dly international in Poznan.

Franck Sauzee, with a 41st minute free-kick, and a Jean-Pierre Papin header gave the French a 2-1 half-time lead after Jacek Ziobor, who plays for Montpellier in the French league, had opened the score for Poland after 18 minutes.

Polish captain Rys- zard Tarasiewicz, an- other French-based player with Nancy, had missed a fifth minute penalty.

Goalkeeper Bruno Martini had no trouble getting down to his weakly-struck spot- kick.

Guinea-born Amara Simba, making his de- but, slotted home Basile Boli's low cross in the 68th minute and a min- ute later Laurent Blanc scored the fourth.

Christian Perez roun- ded off with a fifth in the 77th minute to extend France's unbeaten run to 16 matches.

Scotland were the last side to beat them, 2-0 in Glasgow in a World Cup qualifier in 1989.

For France it was a perfect buildup to next month's European Championship qualifier away to Czechoslo- vakia.

But Poland have prob- lems before their cham- pionship match against Ireland in October.



THOMAS BERTHOLD

Tapie defends Waddle

Marseille president Bernard Tapie has sprung to the defence of Chris Waddle after reports that the English star is unhappy in a new defensive role.



CHRIS WADDLE: down, but not out!

"There is nothing wrong with him", Tapie told local daily

"Le Provençal".

"It's just that he always finds it difficult to

start the season and he doesn't like the heat.

"Waddle is not a robot, but you will see that before the end of the month he will be at his best."

Tapie was reacting to media reports saying Waddle could not handle the defensive role given him by new trainer Tomislav Ivic and found it more and more difficult to cope with the pressures of playing for Marseille.

Waddle said on Wednesday he was ready to leave the

French champions if they no longer wanted him.

"It's hard for me to imagine leaving Marseille but if they don't want me anymore, I'm ready to go," he told French sports daily "L'Equipe."

There have been reports that Waddle, who was booked for pretending to fall asleep on the pitch as Metz took 10 minutes to sort out a defensive wall two weeks ago, has been approached by Paris St-Germain.

More European Transfers

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SKY-HIGH SWISS!

THERE are high expectations in Switzerland for the new season, not so much for club football, but significantly concerning the national team's unexpectedly rosy prospects.

There are now realistic hopes that the Swiss will qualify for the European Championship finals in Sweden.

The forthcoming qualifiers against Scotland in Berne and Romania in Bucharest have created fever-pitch excitement, and even those normally sceptical experts are optimistic that the Swiss will be taking part in the final stages of a major tournament for the first time since the 1966 World Cup.

The national team's German manager, Uli Stielike, is a hero, but in contrast to him and his highly capable compatriot Ottmar Hitzfeld, the other Germans here have not been very successful as players recently.

Grasshoppers, who won the championship for a record 22nd time, will miss Hitzfeld, who is returning to Germany to take over Dortmund. He was one of the most successful imported players and managers, in Swiss history.

As a striker with Basel he won the League twice and the Cup once, and was the First Division's top scorer once.

As team manager, he won the League and the Cup twice each in only three years, with Grasshoppers.

Cup-winners Sion also will be losing their successful team's boss, the Argentinian Enzo Trossero. He is contemplating a return home to South America.

Munich's Mazinho at last!



BAYERN Munich have finally signed Brazilian international midfielder Mazinho from FC Bragantino on a three-year contract.



Bayern president Fritz Scherer described the \$2.5 million deal as "the most difficult transfer I've ever negotiated".

Speculation about the move from Brazil had started one month ago.

SPANISH SENORA

A 28-year-old mother of two, Pilar Vargas Rodriguez, is set to become the first woman in Spain, and probably in Europe, to coach a professional football team.

Rodriguez, an FC Sevilla fan, is the first woman to pass the Spanish coaching examinations.

She is now looking for a club.



SKUHRVY SURGERY!

GENOA's Czechoslovakian striker Tomas Skuhravy looks set for a knee operation after a nasty clash during a training match earlier last week.

A specialist will make a final decision soon — but surgery would mean a month out of action and missing the vital Czechoslovakia-France Euro-92 qualifier on September 4.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER



Marseille president Bernard Tapie and his new Argentine signing Leonardo Rodriguez — one of the stars of the recent Copa America.

□ Dutch international striker John van Loen has joined Ajax Amsterdam from Anderlecht for an undisclosed fee.

Van Loen, 26, was a member of the Dutch 1990 World Cup squad. He moved to Belgium last year from Graham Arnold's Dutch side Roda JC but failed to clinch a regular place in the team.

□ The team from the Federal Republic of Germany will in future play under the country designation of Germany. The international abbreviation will be GER.

□ Two Mexican players, Héctor Manuel Gonzalez Chaires and Ali Fernandez Gris, have been banned for life by their Association. FIFA has, in application of its Statutes, extended these suspensions to take effect in all its member Associations.

□ Eduardo Bennett, one of the revelations of the recent CONCACAF Gold Cup in the US, is being chased by Mexican and Spanish clubs. The 22-year-old Honduran striker appears to be headed for Paraguay though, to Olimpia more precisely.

□ Ilijan Kiriakov, the top scorer in the Bulgarian First Division last season, has left champions Etar Tarnovo for newly promoted Spanish First Division La Corona.

□ Dieter Mirnegg, the former Austrian international defender and Como (Italy) professional, has been appointed assistant coach at First Division Austrian side Stal Linz.

□ Dutch First Division club Groningen have signed Soviet international defender Andrei Zygmantovich from Dynamo Minsk. The 28-year-old, who has made over 30 appearances for the Soviet Union, has signed a one-year contract.

□ Atletico Madrid have bought big during the off-season in a bid to challenge for top honours in Spain where the league kicks off on September 1 like in Greece and Italy. They have bought Miguel Soler (Barcelona) and Miguel Losada (Real Madrid).

□ Turkish champions Besiktas have bought two players from Zagłębie Lubin, the 1990/91 Polish champions — goalkeeper Jaroslaw Bako and midfielder Adam Zeyer.

□ AIK Stockholm's Swedish international striker Hans Eskilsson has returned to Portugal. He will play for newly promoted First Division Estoril after having appeared for Sporting and Braga in the 1980s.

□ Peter Nielsen, 23, has been voted Danish Player of the Year for 1991.

□ Lars Olsen, who last season captained Danish champions Brøndby, has joined Turkish club Trabzonspor, coached by the Belgian Urban Braems.

□ Amar Osim, son of Yugoslav national team coach Ivica Osim, is also a good footballer. He has signed to play this season for Zemun, a First Division club based in a Belgrade suburb.

□ Italy and Austria will meet in a friendly international on September 25 — the same day Hungary and the Soviet Union meet in the Italians' Euro-92 qualifying group.

□ Joachim Streich, the best-ever East German footballer, is back as coach of Magdeburg, now only an amateur club in the united Germany. Streich, one of the stars of the 1974 World Cup finals, flopped as a coach at Eintracht Braunschweig last season.

□ Second Division Austrian club Stockerau will play their preliminary European-Cup-Winners' Cup home match against Tottenham at Vienna's famous Prater Stadium.

□ The BBC has won exclusive rights to televise all Liverpool's UEFA Cup matches this season. England's other European contestants — Arsenal, Manchester United and Tottenham — have signed contracts with ITV.



Czechoslovakian ace Villiam Hyravy: his transfer from Banik Ostrava to Toulouse has already paid dividends as he has been the French side's best player so far this season.



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"It's going to be the most frantic time in the history of the Second Division — for players, fans and managers. Every boss will know his head is on the block. And I'm afraid a few will roll in the New Year. Isn't that a nice, happy thought on the opening weekend of the season!"

Portsmouth boss JIM SMITH

SEASON OF FEAR

DAVID PLEAT sends a chill through football when he warns: This is going to be a season of fear.

On the morning after the big kick-off, Pleat — one of the most experienced managers in the game — claimed: "The shadow of the Super League will hover over most of the clubs in the top two divisions."

"They know this could be the last season when a three-up, three-down system of promotion and relegation operates. So it will be essential for every club with ambition to start the 1992-93 season in the First Division."

SCARED

That's when the countdown to the Super League begins. And the FA's blueprint for the new setup suggests that only ONE club will be automatically promoted in the following seasons.

Clubs who are frozen out of the big-time 12 months from now could face a bleak future with their best players anxious to get away to the glamour and the money of the new Premier Division.

No wonder Pleat is scared. He's boss of Luton again after a five-year gap during which he took Spurs to third place in the First Division, the FA Cup Final and then struggled to keep Leicester out of the Third Division.

Pleat's only consolation is that he knows Luton won't be alone in the season-long battle for survival.

"Clubs like Coventry, Southampton, Sheffield United and Norwich, plus the four who came up from the Second Division last season, are all in for a hard time," he predicts.

"In fact, you can include at least half the First Division."

"Those that go down might have to wait a heck of a long time to get back up again. And the same will apply to any Second Division sides who don't go up."

RICH

"So the fear will spread as the season progresses. And the scramble for safety could result in even more inflated transfer fees."

"I've mentioned the obvious clubs including my own, who will be at risk. And some of us will find it hard to raise the cash for new players."

"But just imagine the panic if one of the really big clubs find themselves at the wrong end of the table next February or March."

"Then even some of the recent \$2m deals could be put in the shade."

"It's only natural that directors will be fearful, because of the financial implications."

"I'm not just talking about gate money, but the cash from sponsors and other commercial sources and, of course, television."

Although any present First Division clubs who get relegated have been guaranteed a percentage of the Super

Premier shadow so scary —Pleat

League income for a spell, it won't last indefinitely.

When the gravy train stops they could face oblivion.

That's why Pleat, while accepting the change as an inevitable consequence of modern times, sees it as one more step towards the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.

"This is the latest of four stages," he says.

"The first was the abolition of the maximum wage."



Can Portsmouth hold on to their goalscoring star Guy Whittingham?

"Then came the rule that each club would keep their home gate receipts."

CONCERN

"No.3 was TV fees going mainly to the top teams. And now we are to have an elitist league."

"It could be the final straw. The vast majority of clubs left on the outside will have to drastically cut costs, including wages."

Pleat's concern is echoed by many of the 24 Second Division bosses.

Portsmouth's Jim Smith, now in charge of his seventh League club, stresses: "It's going to be the most frantic season in the history of the Second Division — for players, fans and managers."

"Every boss will know his head is on the block. And I'm afraid a few will roll in the New Year. Isn't that a nice, happy thought on the opening weekend of the season."

TRADITION

"It will be far worse for Second Division managers. At least

those with First Division clubs are the men in possession of a Premier Division spot of the moment and 19th place will be good enough to survive."

"The odds against us are far longer."

"Which clubs have the toughest job of all? It could be the three in the North East — Sunderland, Middlesbrough and Newcastle."

"If two of them go up, just imagine what it will be like for the one left behind."

"But it's not going to be easy for clubs with any kind of tradition."

"Portsmouth are former League champions, so our supporters naturally think we ought to be in any Super League."

"The same goes for Blackburn and Derby."

The only incentive the FA are ready to offer those left behind when the Premier Division gets underway is one promotion place plus one play-off spot.

It could take Barnet a very long time to get there!

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JOE GIVES BAIRD A SECOND WARNING

**Jordan quick to
crack down on
Hearts new boy**

IAN BAIRD has only just arrived at Hearts but he's already picked up his SECOND warning from boss Joe Jordan.

The first came six years ago, when the pair were team-mates at Southampton.

"I was only a kid but Joe pulled me aside after training one day and told me to cut out the reckless tackling," recalls Baird.

"But he also told me not to lose the natural aggression which is a big part of my game."

Jordan has now repeated that advice, even though the £350,000 striker insists he no longer deserves his bad-boy reputation.

But there's no denying the red and yellow cards which have littered Baird's career.

And he's been in trouble with the police — the last time back in 1987 when, as a Leeds player, he was warned for making gestures to Portsmouth fans.

"I know I was reckless in my younger days," he admits.

Think

"I landed in trouble with a lot of stupid tackles and I must have been running around like a wild boar."

"Every season I could count on being suspended two or three times as well as getting a red card — although the last of those was three years ago."

"Naturally I got a reputation and I suffered from referees because of it."

"Then I had a good think and decided I was no use to anyone sitting in the stand."

"I've heard players don't have the same rapport with refs up here as they have down south but that won't worry me."

"None of my yellow cards were for dissent." Ironically, it was Jordan who blocked Baird's dreams of a first-team place at Southampton.

"I was just getting a sniff of the big-time when Lawrie McMene-

ger impression in Scotland when he left Leeds four years ago.

That was when he turned down both Celtic and Aberdeen in favour of Portsmouth.

"I only needed to put pen to paper at Parkhead but Pompey boss Alan Ball persuaded me my future lay in England."

"After that Billy McNeill bought Frank McAvennie, who grabbed a lot of the glory as they won their centenary year double."

"I lived with my regrets for a long time."

Now the 27-year-old, who's scored 93 goals in 310 games for Southampton, Leeds, Ports-

mouth and Middlesbrough is determined to make up for lost time.

"I've got to get goals for Hearts," he says.

"But I'll have a better chance of being noticed here — and partnering John Robertson won't do any harm."

Baird is confident he'll cope with the Premier League pressure after a career in England.

"It's more kick and rush here but we played a similar style at Leeds, all based on fitness."

"Still, I know Joe wants Hearts to play football and I'm sure I'll fit in."

Everton close in on Molby

EVERTON are expected to make their second £1m swoop on neighbours Liverpool this week — this time for midfielder Jan Molby.

And Kendall, having also snapped up Peter Beardsley from Anfield for £1m, is likely to make another quick signing.

Despite also paying out almost £1.3m on Mark Ward, Alan Harper and Gary Payton, Everton are in the money through a season-ticket bonanza which has already raked in £1.7m.

Molby is available

at Liverpool and wasn't even in the squad for last week's opening match against Oldham.

COVENTRY boss Terry Butcher is trying to replace himself as a player with Wigan's £400,000-rated Peter Atherton — but could face competition from Everton.

PORTSMOUTH'S former Manchester United central defender Graeme Hogg will sign for Hearts this week for £200,000. BARNSELY boss Mel Machin wants to reduce his squad. Strikers Andy Saville and Colin Marshall and fullback Paul Cross are available.

Inglis in real hot water

SHAMED St Johnstone defender John Inglis was sent off for the second time in a week on Saturday.

The tough centre-half lasted just 42 minutes against Dundee United — seven days after seeing red against Rangers for elbowing Mark Hateley.

The dismissal earned him a fiery rocket from boss Alex Totten and cost him a week's wages.

But even though Totten has just announced a tough new disciplinary code for his side, Inglis won't be fined again.

After seeing Inglis trip United's Jackson inside the box, Totten insisted: "There was no way he should have been sent off."

"It was 50-50 whether it was a penalty."

"Although I've toughened the code of discipline at the club, he won't be fined."

"You have to use common sense in these things."

Totten has launched a tough crackdown after Saints finished last season as Scotland's most-booked side with sixty yellow cards.

He's doubling the

finer for every booking, saying: "Our record last season was totally unacceptable."

"With eight extra games this season, I need every player available."

"If they can't play because they've been in trouble unnecessarily, they have to pay for it."

"And they'll pay twice as much in future."

Totten revealed that Roddy Grant would be disciplined for the booking he collected against United for talking out of turn.

All Saturday's Premier sinners were Saints — with St Mirren new boys Lex Baille and Chris Charnley both red-carded also.

Boss David Hay watched his side have their third man sent off in two games and raged: "Referees are following rules made by men who don't pay to watch football and those rules are ruining games for those who do."

"I appreciate they're trying to make football more entertaining — but is it working?"

Totten added: "The way things are going at present, by January we'll be playing eight-a-side."

In Division One,

Clydebank's under-21 defender Sean Sweeney was redcarded in the last minute of the 3-0 defeat by Ayr for allegedly spitting at Ayr striker Ally Graham.



DUNDEE UNITED's walk-out ace Miodrag Krivokopic is set to quit football.

★ *The Slav has sold his house in Dundee and will return to battle-scarred Yugoslavia next month — resigned to his career being over.*

He revealed: "I will be very sad to have to stop playing. I am 31 but feel I could play at the top level for several more years."

★ *"I am sorry it has to end this way, because I have enjoyed playing in Dundee."*

"No clubs have shown any interest since the summer and no Yugoslav club could afford me."

★ *East Stirling are to introduce Scotland's first player-director. Ex-Motherwell defender Alan Mackin will register as a player to help their reserve side.*

Boss Dom Sullivan said: "Although 36, he's still fit and he'll do a terrific job with the second team."

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A WRIGHT

STARTLETS HEADING FOR THE VERY TOP

DAVID PLATT became a World Cup hero with England and the wealthy captain of Italian club Bari from the improbable junction of Crewe.

Now he's signalling major roles in the future for more of English football's startlets.

Arsenal striker Kevin Campbell tops his list of our most promising players.

Platt says: "I once watched Kevin play for an Arsenal youth team against Crewe. He was head and shoulders above everyone else."

"He disappeared for a couple of years, but came back and his goals helped Arsenal win the title."

"He showed strength and pace, coped with all the pressure and didn't look like a youngster at all."

Old Villa pal, Dwight Yorke is another tip for the top. Platt says: "He came from Trinidad as a centre forward, but dropped deep to show bags of skill. He's destined to take over from me in Villa's midfield."

Southampton's Alan Shearer and Chelsea's Graeme Le Saux have also caught Platt's eye. He adds: "Alan's a strong, purposeful lad who holds the ball well and makes intelligent runs."

"Graeme has one of the sweetest left pegs I've seen. He's exciting when he runs deep and could make Tony Dorigo's old spot his own."

Watford's 6ft 4in David James is Platt's choice to keep the reputation of English keepers flying high.

He says: "David could be the one to challenge Nigel Martyn when their time comes at full England level."

"He commands his box and really looks the part. At 21, he's got tons of potential."

MARK WRIGHT faced Derby chief Arthur Cox in the kind of dressing room bust-up he once tried to settle with his fists.

But instead of the blows he had slung earlier in his career at his old boss Lawrie McMenemy, Wright merely turned the air blue.

And out of that stormy confrontation grew the player who, Cox believes, should not only captain Liverpool in the First Division and Europe this season, but England in the next World Cup.

Wright, Liverpool's £2.2m capture, is one of Cox's Famous Five — an elite group of superstars who have changed clubs for more than £20m after passing through his hands.

The others are £3.9m Dean Saunders, who Cox also sold to Liverpool, and the former Newcastle trio Chris Waddle, Peter Beardsley and Paul Gascoigne.

Star maker Cox, who starts the season in the Second Division with relegated Derby, recalls the furious incident that changed the course of Wright's life.

He told me: "We had let somebody get in behind our defence against Norwich and I felt it was Mark's responsibility."

Blame

"A row started in the dressing room, so I took him out to the treatment room to finish it."

"Mark wanted to shift the blame on somebody else. There were a lot of expletives flying around."

"He even suggested he didn't go out for the second half, but he had walked into a fellow who was just a determined and aggressive as he was."

"And he learned that day that nobody makes excuses in my dressing room."

"He found out what football meant to me and how much I wanted him to be successful."

"Mark was not going to get any better as a player until we had our

confrontation. He needed someone to believe in."

"I got him to appreciate the important thing was not what he looked like but how effective he was."

"He came in on the Monday morning after our row and apologised."

"That was in his first season with us and we have hardly had a cross word since. He'll disappoint me now if he doesn't captain both Liverpool and England."

"He's a leader, but he didn't know he was. You have to earn his respect, otherwise he can be difficult."

Cox is the only top manager with a seat in the boardroom since Derby was sold by former chairman Robert Maxwell.

But he won't swap his tracksuit for a set of pin-stripes.

"I'm a football man, I'll still be out in the rain getting wet with the players," said the man who was wanted by Leeds, Aston Villa, Newcastle, Sunderland and West Brom during

Maxwell's reign:

"I've had some great players with me, including the best of them all — Kevin Keegan."

"But my feet are on the floor and I will do everything I can to get Derby back in the First Division."

Cox's own playing career was cruelly cut short by injury at Coventry. He has driven men all the harder to realise their potential.

"I bullied Chris Waddle at Newcastle," he admitted.

"I'd slam the table where we were sitting and shout: 'Look at me when I'm talking to you.'"

"He was going to Brighton on loan once and I told him: 'The first team is too much for you here. Look at you, a Geordie and you can't even play for your own people.'"

Diamond

"I'd have him back every afternoon for extra training. I still don't know how he came back to work for me sometimes."



MARK WRIGHT

"It was like polishing a diamond. Experience tells you how far to go."

"Beardsley was the opposite. He loved the big stage."

"The hardest thing for me to do with Peter was watch him make

mistakes and say nothing."

"I had to let him make some because it was the different things he tried that made him so good."

"My favourite saying to him was: 'Make sure

the fans have got something to talk about.'"

Cox signed Gascoigne as a Newcastle schoolboy and then apprentice pro.

He added: "We once went to a big youth tournament in Scotland

CLOUGH DROVE CARR AWAY



Now he's in top gear for Ossie

FRANZ CARR went to West Ham on loan, last season to escape from Brian Clough.

But the former Forest winger goes back to Upton Park this week in happier circumstances — to launch his new career with Newcastle.

The Geordies make a delayed start to the new season because opponents Charlton aren't ready to return to The Valley. Repairs work is still needed on the ground before they can go home, so their Second Division opener against Newcastle has been switched to West Ham's ground.

And Carr, transferred from Forest to Tyneside for £250,000, says: "This trip to Upton Park is completely different. I had a month there last season only to get away from Forest."

"I had seven years at Forest and you don't

good times. But I didn't get on with Cloughie for the last two years and I had to get away from him."

"I enjoyed myself at West Ham, even though I couldn't make much of an impact because they were flying at the top of the Second Division at the time."

"I had to settle for being substitute a couple of times, but it was a change I needed."

"There'd been the possibility of a move to Sheffield Wednesday, then, out of the blue,

Newcastle came in for me right at the end of the season."

Carr, now under Ossie Ardiles' management, says: "It's completely different to playing for Cloughie."

"Ossie is more laid back, but still lets you know his views and what he wants."

Help

"Cloughie, as everyone knows, is a one-off."

"I had my ups and down with him and eventually didn't feel part of his plans."

But Carr does see some similarities between Forest and Newcastle.

"There are a lot of



BRIAN CLOUGH

good young players here," he says. "It reminds me of my early days at Forest with Des Walker and Gary Fleming, who's now at Barnsley."

"I'm only 24, yet I'm one of the more experienced players at Newcastle. And I can't wait to get cracking this season. Ossie's given me a free role and I want to help give the fans a bit of success."

"They deserve it. I knew Newcastle was a real football town, but I didn't realise how big the game is here."

"The place is buzzing. Everyone is so passionate about the club it's unbelievable."

A flying start this week for Newcastle, and Carr, will have those fans believing this could be a promotion season.

ABSW BEST FOR SOCCER ACTION

OLD BUST-UP!

But my row with Mark made him a £2m player



CHRIS WADDLE

but Gazza had to miss it because he'd gashed his knee joyriding on a motorbike.

"I gave him a foot up the backside for that and another rollicking for leaving a finger-mark on one of my teamsheets. Nobody touches those."

"And he's had a few more from me since joining Spurs. Paul's problem is he finds it difficult to control his emotions."

"But he has a chance

of joining the great names like Bobby Charlton because he loves football."

"People call me a Sergeant Major, but that's nonsense. I, just like things done properly."

"Too many players abuse the game and waste their talents."

"When Dean Saunders came to us he thought he could score from the half-way line every time he touched the ball."

"He'd lose the ball too often and had to learn how to contribute to a team performance."

"He's always had a beautiful habit of hitting the net, but it's the extra bit to his game that has made him a Liverpool player."

"He discovered the standards I require when he scored five in his first practice match for the first team against the reserves."

Says ARTHUR COX Soccer's top star-maker

"He said the reserves often won at clubs he had been with."

"But I told him: 'Not here, son. The first team plays on as long as it takes to win.'"

Now Cox has a bigger scrap on his hands than the one that helped Mark Wright so much.

He could do with a little more stardust to drop his way.

ALL THE RESULTS FROM BRITAIN

BARCLAYS LGE — DIV 1

ARSENAL.....1	QPR.....1
HT: 0-1	Att: 36,099
CHELSEA.....2	WIMBLEDON.....2
HT: 1-1	Att: 22,574
COVENTRY.....0	MANCITY.....1
HT: 0-1	Att: 18,013
CPALACE.....P	LEEDS.....P
LIVERPOOL.....2	OLDHAM.....1
HT: 0-1	Att: 38,461
MANUTD.....2	NOTTS CO.....0
HT: 1-0	Att: 46,278
INORWICH.....2	SHEFFUTD.....2
HT: 0-1	Att: 16,380
NOTTMRST.....2	EVERTON.....1
HT: 0-1	Att: 24,442
SHEFFWED.....2	AVILLA.....3
HT: 2-1	Att: 36,749
SOTON.....2	TOTTENHAM.....3
HT: 1-1	Att: 18,581
WESTHAM.....0	LUTON.....0
	Att: 25,079

DIVISION 2

BLACKBURN.....1	PORTSMTH.....1
HT: 0-0	Att: 11,118
BRIGHTON.....0	TRANMERE.....2
HT: 0-2	Att: 9,679
BRISTOLR.....3	IPSWICH.....3
HT: 0-1	Att: 6,444
CHARLTON.....P	NEWCASTLE.....P
GRIMSBY.....3	CAMBRIDGE.....4
HT: 1-1	Att: 7,657
MIDDLESBRO.....1	MILLWALL.....0
HT: 1-0	Att: 16,234
PLYMOUTH.....2	BARNLEY.....1
HT: 1-0	Att: 6,352
PVALL.....2	OXFORD.....1
HT: 0-1	Att: 6,984
SOUTHEND.....1	BRISTOLC.....1
HT: 1-0	Att: 6,720
SUNDRILND.....1	DERBY.....1
HT: 0-0	Att: 20,509
SWINDON.....0	LEICESTER.....0
Att: 12,400	
WATFORD.....0	WOLVES.....2
HT: 0-0	Att: 13,547

DIVISION 3

BIRMINGHM.....3	BURY.....2
HT: 2-1	Att: 9,033
BOLTON.....1	HUDDERSFLD.....1
HT: 0-1	Att: 7,606
BOURNMTH.....1	DARLINGTON.....2
HT: 0-0	Att: 6,210
BRADFORD.....1	STOKE.....0
HT: 1-0	Att: 7,556
BRENFORD.....4	LORIENT.....3
HT: 1-1	Att: 6,156
CHESTER.....2	FULHAM.....0
HT: 1-1	Att: 1,464
PETERBORO.....1	PRESTON.....0
HT: 0-0	Att: 6,036
READING.....0	HULL.....1
HT: 0-0	Att: 4,639
SHREWSBRY.....P	WIGAN.....P
STOCKPORT.....5	SWANSEA.....0
HT: 2-0	Att: 4,241
TORQUAY.....3	HARTLEPL.....1
HT: 2-0	Att: 4,163
WESTBROM.....6	EXETER.....3
HT: 2-1	Att: 12,892

DIVISION 4

BARNET.....4	CREWE.....7
HT: 2-3	Att: 5,090
BLACKPOOL.....3	WALSALL.....0
HT: 1-0	Att: 4,141
CARDIFF.....1	LINCOLN.....2
HT: 0-2	Att: 5,137
CHESTERFLD.....3	MAIDSTONE.....0
HT: 1-0	Att: 3,462
DONCASTER.....0	CARLSLE.....3
HT: 0-1	Att: 2,639
GILLINGHAM.....4	SCUNTHRPE.....0
HT: 1-0	Att: 3,450
HALIFAX.....0	NORTHMPN.....1
HT: 0-0	Att: 1,834
ROCHDALE.....1	YORK.....1
HT: 0-1	Att: 2,247
ROTHERHM.....2	BURNLEY.....1
HT: 0-1	Att: 6,042
SCARBORO.....0	MANSFIELD.....0
Att: 2,343	
WREXHAM.....0	HEREFORD.....1
HT: 0-1	Att: 3,225

B & Q PREMIER

ABERDEEN.....3	DUNFRMLNE.....0
HT: 1-0	Att: 14,000
CELTIC.....4	FALKIRK.....1
HT: 3-0	Att: 32,459
HEARTS.....1	RANGERS.....0
HT: 1-0	Att: 22,154
MOTHRWELL.....1	HIBS.....1
HT: 1-1	Att: 8,018
STJOHNSTNE.....1	DUNDEE U.....1
HT: 1-1	Att: 7,600
STMIRREN.....1	AIRDRIE.....2
HT: 0-0	Att: 3,927

DIVISION 2

ALBION.....2	ALLOA.....1
ARBROATH.....1	STRANRAER.....0
DUMBARTON.....1	BERWICK.....0
EASTFIFE.....2	QUEEN'S PK.....0
ESTERLING.....2	COWDENBTH.....3
QUEEN OF S.....1	CLYDE.....2
STENHSEMR.....0	BRECHIN.....2

GM CONFERENCE

ALTRINCHM.....1	KETTERING.....1
BOSTON.....2	MERTHYR.....0
CHELTNTHM.....0	WITTON.....1
COLCHSTER.....2	MACCLESFLD.....0
NORTHWICH.....1	BATH.....3
RUNCORN.....2	WELLING.....2
SLOUGH.....3	KIDMINSTR.....1
STAFFORD.....0	FARNBORO.....1
TELFORD.....3	REDBRIDGE.....3
WYCOMBE.....2	GATESHEAD.....1
YEovil.....2	BARROW.....0

ALL YOUR TABLES FROM ENGLAND

ENGLISH 1ST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	APTS
Manchester United	1	1	0	0	0	3
Aston Villa	1	1	0	0	0	3
Tottenham	1	1	0	0	0	3
Liverpool	1	1	0	0	0	3
Nottingham Forest	1	1	0	0	0	3
Manchester City	1	1	0	0	0	3
Chelsea	1	0	1	0	0	2
Norwich	1	0	1	0	0	2
Wimbledon	1	0	1	0	0	2
Sheffield United	1	0	1	0	0	2
Queens Park Rangers	1	0	1	0	0	2
Arsenal	1	0	1	0	0	2
Luton	1	0	1	0	0	2
West Ham	1	0	1	0	0	2
Crystal Palace	1	0	1	0	0	2
Leeds	1	0	1	0	0	2
Sheffield Wednesday	1	0	1	0	0	2
Southampton	1	0	1	0	0	2
Everton	1	0	1	0	0	2
Oldham	1	0	1	0	0	2
Coventry	1	0	1	0	0	2
Notts County	1	0	1	0	0	2

ENGLISH 2ND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	APTS
Wolverhampton	1	1	0	0	0	3
Tranmere	1	1	0	0	0	3
Cambridge	1	1	0	0	0	3
Plymouth	1	1	0	0	0	3
Port Vale	1	1	0	0	0	3
Middlesbrough	1	1	0	0	0	3
Ipswich	1	1	0	0	0	3
Bristol Rovers	1	1	0	0	0	3
Derby	1	1	0	0	0	3
Blackburn	1	1	0	0	0	3
Portsmouth	1	1	0	0	0	3
Sunderland	1	1	0	0	0	3
Bristol City	1	1	0	0	0	3
Southend	1	1	0	0	0	3
Leicester	1	1	0	0	0	3
Swindon	1	1	0	0	0	3
Charlton	1	1	0	0	0	3
Newcastle	1	1	0	0	0	3
Grimsey	1	1	0	0	0	3
Barnsley	1	1	0	0	0	3
Oxford	1	1	0	0	0	3
Millwall	1	1	0	0	0	3
Brighton	1	1	0	0	0	3
Watford	1	1	0	0	0	3

STUART PEARCE



... AND HOW THEY STAND IN SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	APTS
Celtic	1	1	0	0	0	3
Aberdeen	1	1	0	0	0	3
Hearts	1	1	0	0	0	3
Hibernian	1	1	0	0	0	3
Rangers	1	1	0	0	0	3
Dundee Utd	1	1	0	0	0	3
Airdrieonians	1	1	0	0	0	3
Motherwell	1	1	0	0	0	3
Falkirk	1	1	0	0	0	3
St Johnstone	1	1	0	0	0	3
Dunfermline	1	1	0	0	0	3
St Mirren	1	1	0	0	0	3

SCOTTISH 2ND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	APTS
Clyde	1	1	0	0	0	3
Arbroath	1	1	0	0	0	3
Dumbarton	1	1	0	0	0	3
East Stirling	1	1	0	0	0	3
Alloa	1	1	0	0	0	3
East Fife	1	1	0	0	0	3
Cowdenbeath	1	1	0	0	0	3
Albion	1	1	0	0	0	3
Brechin	1	1	0	0	0	3
Queen of the South	1	1	0	0	0	3
Stenhousemuir	1	1	0	0	0	3
Berwick	1	1	0	0	0	3
Stranraer	1	1	0	0	0	3
Queens Park	1	1	0	0	0	3

SCOTTISH 1ST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	APTS
Ayr	1	1	0	0	0	3
Dundee	1	1	0	0	0	3
Morton	1	1	0	0	0	3
Raith	1	1	0	0	0	3
Hamilton	1	1	0	0	0	3
Meadowbank	1	1	0	0	0	3
Stirling	1	1	0	0	0	3
Montrose	1	1	0	0	0	3
Kilmarnock	1	1	0	0	0	3
Forfar	1	1	0	0	0	3
Clydebank	1	1	0	0	0	3



JACKIE CHARLTON



HANS GILHAUS

DONS TOPS

Rough luck for Rhodes

ABERDEEN 3 DUNFERMLINE 0
HEROIC keeper Andy Rhodes was finally caught out in a late Dons goal rush at Pittodrie.

He had stopped almost everything the lively home side could throw at him until his world fell apart in the last two minutes.

A superb Jim Bett free kick after 13 minutes was the only

time Rhodes had been beaten — and looked enough for a narrow win.

But the keeper's luck ran out at the death.

He blocked a point-blank Brian Grant shot but the ball came back off the unfortunate keeper and Grant made no mistake a second time.

And right on time Eoin Jess ghosted in on to a Peter Van de Ven pass for a third.

Dons boss Alex Smith praised the keeper's performance: "He was magnificent."

"But we've made a good start to the season and next week's match with Celtic is a really big one now."

Disappointed Pars boss Iain Munro admitted that Aberdeen were not flattered by the scoreline.

But he said: "We're two or three players short and will have to go into the transfer market."

Three times Rhodes pulled off international-class saves.

Save one was from a Bett penalty in 16

minutes when he dived to the right to turn the ball on to the post.

Save two came when he deflected a powerful Scott Booth header onto the same post.

And save three — the best of the bunch — was in 76 minutes when he dived to his right to turn away a ferocious David Winnie header.

BEST:

Rhodes.

ABERDEEN: Snelders, Wright, Winnie, Grant, Irvine, McKimmie, Van der Ark, Bett, Booth, Connor, Gilhaus.

DUNFERMLINE: Rhodes, Perninham, Cunningham, McCathie, Moyes, Haro, Davies, McParland, O'Boyle, McCall, Kozma.

JOHN A STAR AS DUNDEE GO TOP

DIVISION ONE ROUND-UP

DUNDEE made it six points out of six with a 3-1 win over Meadowbank.

And while Billy Dodds' double took his goal tally to four, boss Gordon Wallace singled out 21-year-old John McQuillan for special mention.

"I thought he was outstanding. He did everything right and was our best player."

Joining Dundee at the top are Ayr, who chalked up their third win and inflicted a third successive defeat on Clydebank. Sub Greg Shaw netted twice in a 3-0 win.

Bankies had defender Sean Sweeney sent off for allegedly spitting at Ayr's Ally Graham.

Ayr boss George Burley said afterwards: "That display showed how hard we've worked."

Uphill

However, Foster player-manager Paul Hegarty hit out at his players after their 2-0 defeat at Raith Rovers.

He moaned: "The heads are going down too easily. Even at this stage it looks like an uphill battle."

Hamilton and Morton drew 1-1 at Douglas Park, while Stirling and Montrose tied at 2-2 at Annfield, where the visitors battled back from two goals down.

Partick Thistle beat Kilmarnock 1-0 with a 53rd minute goal from Colin McGlashan.

GOAL-ESPIE!

CELTIC 4 FALKIRK 1

IT TOOK Gary Gillespie just nine and a half minutes to win over the Parkhead faithful.

That's how long had gone when the newest member of the Brady Bunch put Celtic on the road to a comfortable victory.

And the £925,000 new Bhoys is unlikely to have many easier matches in a green and white jersey.

Two simple headers by Tommy Coyne — celebrating his award of the Golden Boot for being last season's top Premier League goalscorer — wrapped it up for Celtic before half-time.

Graceful Gary, cool and debonair throughout, strolled through the 90 minutes and saw a second-half goal from man-of-the-match John Collins take Celtic to the head of the table as top scorers.

Falkirk sub Crawford Baptie pulled one back after Celts took their foot off the gas in the final half-hour.

Slotted

Happy boss Liam Brady said: "I thought Gary could be a goal threat but I was thinking in terms of free-kicks and corners."

"I didn't expect him to turn up in the centre-forward position."

"We got a bit slack in the second half but that tends to happen when you're well in front."

Brady joy as Gary sparks a Celtic blitz

"We played a lot of good football in the first half. Falkirk just couldn't cope with us."

Brady also praised the one man Celts are now looking to for goals.

He said: "Everyone's willing Tony Cascarino to score. No-one works harder than he does — made about five of our goals so far."

"He just hasn't been in the right place at the right time. Yet!"

Gillespie put Celts ahead when he loped forward on to a Coyne pass, looking suspiciously offside as he did so.

He rounded keeper Ian Westwater and slotted into the empty net.

Coyne added the second when he was laying handy to nod home after Westwater did well to parry an acrobatic Charlie Nicholas shot.

And T.C. ended the game as a contest after a thrilling 90-yard move which began in the Celtic box and ended with the luckless Westwater picking the ball out his net.

Peter Grant dispossessed Taylor, then one-touch passes from Collins and Nicholas round Cascarino on the wing. He left-foot cross was perfect for Coyne to head home.

Thumped

Collins got the goal his hard work deserved when he thumped in a 10-yard left-footer with the Falkirk defence in tatters.

Celts eased off after that and gave 18-year-old Brian O'Neill his competitive debut. The ex-youth cap looked comfortable at right back.

Falkirk paid the price for ultra-defensive tactics which saw skipper Simon Stainrod left on his own up front.

They scored two minutes from time when Kevin McAllister gave Derek Whyte the slip and set Crawford Baptie up for a simple goal.

Boss Jim Jefferies admitted: "We destroyed ourselves in the first half."

The one noteworthy aspect of an easy afternoon for Celtic was that there were no bookings — a rare event in the season of the card-happy crackdown.

BEST: Collins.

CELTIC: Bonner, Morris, Rogan, Grant, Whyte, Gillespie, Fulton, Coyne, Cascarino, Nicholas, Collins.

FALKIRK: Westwater, Duffy, McQueen, Hughes, Godfrey, Rice, McAllister, Taylor, May, Stainrod, Smith.



PAUL McSTAY IN ACTION

HAY'S NINE BRAVES

ST MIRREN 1 AIRDRIE 2

SAINTS boss Davie Hay paid tribute to the nine men who almost rescued a point.

"They showed tremendous commitment," he said. "The fact they managed to peg back Airdrie at one stage is a tremendous testimony to their courage."

But Saints were always struggling after the dismissals of Lex Baillie and Chic Charnley.

Baillie tugged Owen Coyle by the jersey, when the Airdrie striker had a clear run at goal.

And referee Willie Young, a solicitor, enforced the law.

Charnley first picked up a yellow card for protesting too strongly and then had a rush of blood in a confrontation with Davie Kirkwood.

The Airdrie player was booked and Charnley was sent off.

Airdrie boss Alex

MacDonald celebrated his first League victory with the club but admitted: "We didn't play as well as we did against Aberdeen."

"We got this win by competing and that's how we must play it."

But it wasn't without cost. Goalkeeper John Martin, in his first game of the season, needed an X-ray on a shoulder injury.

Airdrie took an hour to break the deadlock, when Alan Lawrence took Coyle's pass, shrugged off a challenge and shot home.

Saints grabbed a brief lifeline when Tom Black scored a penalty equaliser, after the referee had sported some jersey-pulling.

But Coyle took advantage of Saints' sagging defence to fire the winner seven minutes from time.

BEST: San-

dison.

ST MIRREN: Fridge, Dawson, Black, Martin, Baillie, Charnley, McIntyre, McDowall, Irvine, Lambert, Elliot.

AIRDRIE: Martin, Kidd, Jack, Sandison, Smith, Conn, Stewart, Ballour, Lawrence, Coyle, Kirkwood.

SUPER SOCCER LEADERS ALL YEAR ROUND

Totten's terrors turn on the style



Maurice Malpas

ST JOHNSTONE 1
DUNDEE UTD 1

SAINTS boss Alex Totten paired his men after they grabbed their first point of '91/92 with a fighting 10-man display at McDiarmid Park.

For the second successive week, the Perth side had centre-half John Inglis sent off, but this time Totten's reaction was not anger but pride in his players.

"It was a great team effort. We battled well with 10 men in the second half and they deserved everything they got," he said.

Inglis received his marching orders for a trip on United's Darren Jackson as the striker homed in on goal. Jackson himself added to the Saints' anguish by scoring from the resultant penalty.

Saints were in front at that point thanks to a Roddy Grant header from an Allan Moore cross after 18 minutes.

"We had scored a tremendous goal and were well on top until the incident just before half time," said Totten.

Indeed after half time, it was St Johnstone who did most of the pressing.

United boss Jim McLean was understandably disappointed with his team's display.

"Too many players refused to push themselves," he said.

"To end with a draw is unsatisfactory."

ST JOHNSTONE: Hamilton, Treanor, Boltacha, Redford, Inglis, Stewart, Moore, Davies, Wright, Grant, Turner.

DUNDEE UNITED: Van de Kama, Bowman, Maples, McKinlay, Muller, Narey, Cleland, O'Neill, Daltly, Jackson, Clark.

SCOTTISH CHAOS

SCOTTISH soccer could be thrown into chaos this season as other countries call up their Scots-based stars for international duty.

But Scotland boss Andy Roxburgh will not take advantage of the generous new FIFA rules that allow him to claim his players even if they have club fixtures.

"The number of players who can make these demands far outnumbered Scottish internationals," warns SFA chief executive Jim Farry.

Rangers were rocked last week with news that they will lose stars Oleg Kuznetsov and Alexei Mikhailichenko for nearly three weeks to the Soviet squad.

Farry explained: "The new rule allows countries to call on players 48 hours before a friendly match, five days before a competitive game and 14 days before World Cup, European Championship and Olympic Finals."

"They are also allowed their players for seven international games a season."

"We've got a good working arrangement with the league and we've already made our plans for the remaining European games."

"Next year we'll have fresh talks about

the World Cup qualifying games."

But other countries could hit Premier clubs hard with their demands.

Celtic have Pat Bonner, Chris Morris and Tony Cascarino on call for the Republic of Ireland as well as Darius Wdowczyk and Jacki Dziekanowski for Poland. Anton Rogan is also a Northern Ireland regular.

Aberdeen's Theo Snelders and Hans Gilhaus and Rangers' Pieter Huijstra lead a large Dutch contingent.

Quickfire Scott is Hearts hero



STUART McCALL

HEARTS ace Scott Crabbe hit Rangers with a second minute sucker-punch goal — and ruined all the predictions that Rangers will be invincible this season.

And delighted Tynecastle boss Joe Jordan said: "It was important we showed that Rangers aren't going to run away with it."

"They are a very talented team with a lot of ability. But we made our minds up that we were going to try and win against them... and other sides should go out to do that as well."

Rangers were left looking very ordinary in midfield following the £5m transfer of Trevor Stevens to Marseille, but they have only themselves to blame for missing half a dozen blue chip chances.

Hearts' second half heroes were stand-in centre backs Tosh McKinlay and Alan McLaren who stood up to a fierce Rangers onslaught and won plenty of praise from Jordan.

Disaster

Ibrox boss Walter Smith snapped: "It was a disastrous result for us."

"We didn't play well in the first half but after the break I thought we did enough to deserve a draw."

It was a shock debut for £1.2m Stuart McCall who found himself struggling to get into the game and was booked as well.

The man of the match was certainly Crabbe, who declared his intentions in the match programme that he was going to make up for lost time following his long injury lay-off last season.

HEARTS 1
RANGERS 0

And he went about it like a flash with the goal that stunned Rangers.

McKinlay and Gary Mackay were behind the build-up to get the ball to him 30 yards out.

It looked as though he was crossing into the goalmouth. But then the ball took a curl and landed in the net to leave Andy Goram gaping and even Hearts players looking on in disbelief.

Flash

"He told me he picked his spot," grinned Jordan. "And I believe he meant it!"

Rangers had plenty of chances to draw level but squandered the lot with Mark Hateley and Mo Johnston the main culprits.

But they were not alone with Pieter Huijstra and Ian Ferguson also sharing in the gloom.

Rangers' best player was hard-working Gary Stevens who shuttled down the right like a winger and almost snatched an equaliser with four minutes to go.

Hearts had chances to increase the lead and John Robertson was annoyed with himself for missing a superb scoring opportunity when Scott Nisbet accidentally chested the ball to his feet.

Swoop

Hearts' John Miller was booked in the flare up with McCall and Ian Baird was cautioned for a charge on Goram.

Hearts will swoop to sign £200,000 centre-half Graeme Hogg from Portsmouth this week — but Davie McPherson WON'T be leaving Tynecastle.

Boss Jordan insisted: "Just because we're signing a defender doesn't mean there'll be departures — and I'll be telling Davie that."

HEARTS: Smith, McLaren, Bannan, McKinlay, Mackay, McPherson, Crabbe, Ferguson, Baird, Miller, Robertson.

RANGERS: Goram, Stevens, O Robertson, Goram, Spackman, Hissett, McCall, Ferguson, Hateley, Johnston, Huijstra.

SHOT-SHY 'WELL

MOTHERWELL 1
HIBS 1

BATTLING Hibs were forced to fight all the way as Motherwell, back at Fir Park for the first time since their Hampden triumph, threw everything at them.

The home side pinned the Easter Road club into their own half for much of the game but were unable

to turn their pressure into goals.

"Well Boss Tommy McLean was disappointed to drop a point: "We had all the pressure in the second half, although our final use of the ball let us down."

"There is room for improvement in every area. It is my opinion only two players have started the season on top of their form."

But visiting boss Alex Miller was hap-

Captain Chris is point saver

py: "Fir Park is always a difficult place to visit but a point was a fair result for both teams."

"That is five points

out of six, a total I would gladly have settled for before the season started."

Motherwell had goalkeeper Billy Thomson to thank for keeping them in the game early on.

He twice denied Hibs record signing Keith Wright with breath-taking fingertip saves.

But he could do nothing to prevent Wright opening the scoring as he met a

Graham Mitchell knock down to leave Thomson stranded.

Motherwell hit back immediately and captain Chris McCart dived in to bullet home a Davie Cooper free kick.

BEST: Nijholt. **MOTHERWELL:** Thomson, Griffin, Nijholt, Dolan, Maaskant, McCart, Kirk, O'Donnell, Ferguson, Angus, Cooper.

HIBS: Burridos, Miller, Mitchell, Milne, McIntyre, Hunter, Orr, Hamilton, Wright, McGraw, McGinlay.

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BARNES IN ROYLE BASH

LIVERPOOL 2 OLDHAM 1

KENNY DALGLISH ended his six-month self-imposed Anfield exile and saw Liverpool stretched by Joe Royle's new boys.

Oldham have not played a First Division game in 68 years but they underlined here that they didn't get back to the top just on the pile of their discarded plastic carpet.

They earned the ninth-minute lead given them by Earl Barrett and had chances to cause more damage before Liverpool could get into the game.

It took a mighty second-half effort by Graeme Souness's men to break the upstarts under the noses of the anxious Kop.

Steve McMahon and Ronnie Whelan were inevitably rusty after their long injury absence and matchwinner John Barnes was not 100 per cent fit.

It was sheer grit as much as anything that took Liverpool through.

The ever-battling Ray Houghton gave them the impetus for their second-half fight back. It was his deft 57nd-minute header from Barnes' cross that pulled Liverpool level.

From that time on Oldham were forced back, although they always looked dangerous on the break.

Grazed

The exhausted McMahon had he give way to new boy Mark Walters just after an hour and it was the ex-

Rangers winger who opened up Oldham's defence decisively.

His 77th minute chip grazed the straining head of Steve McManaman and dropped kindly to the feet of the unmarked Barnes, who almost casually beat Jon Hallworth.

The keeper had a

right to look frustrated. He had made two super first half saves and just before the winner had done well to turn Houghton's fierce drive against a post.

But Oldham almost had the last word, Bruce Grobbelaar defying old foe Graeme Sharp in the final moments.

Liverpool had struggled to put a meaningful move together even before Barrett put Oldham ahead.

Rick Holden's in-

stant crosses had caused Liverpool problems and his second corner caught them out in the ninth minute.

Holden curled his kick beyond the far post where Richard Jobson headed back and centre-back partner Barrett coolly headed in from point-blank range.

Quick

If anyone looked like pulling Liverpool out of trouble, it wasn't the



MARK WALTERS



JOHN BARNES

Dwight's the bright light

PLYMOUTH 2 BARNSEY 1

DWIGHT MARSHALL, snapped up from non-League Grays Athletic for £35,000 just two weeks ago, made a dream debut for Plymouth.

The 25-year-old, who have gave up his job as a local government officer, showed real flair and troubled Barnsley throughout.

After 19 minutes, he collected his reward as, with his back to goal, he hooked a Martin Barlow cross into the net for the opener.

And it was while Barnsley were watching Marshall moments into the second half that Robbie Turner was able to break free and hit the winner.

Barnsley started brightly enough with Andy Rammell cleverly rounding Nicky Marker only to shoot across the face of goal.

From then on, the Barnsley defence was under pressure and they looked none too happy.

Napping

Their defence was caught napping within a minute of the restart. Barlow crossed from the right and, as two defenders watched the bubbly Marshall, the ball ran loose to Turner

who lashed it home.

Barnsley seemed out of it after that until the formerly sound Argyle defence went to sleep.

Brian O'Connell was allowed a free run, he back-heeled to Charlie Bishop and John Pearson headed it at the far post.

BEST PLAYER: Marshall.

PLYMOUTH: Wilmot, Salman, Spearine, Marker, Cross, Morgan, Barlow, Marshall, Turner, Morrison, Flore.

BARNSEY: Whitehead, Bishop, Williams, Banks, Davis, Taggar, O'Connell, Rammell, Pearson, McCord, Graham.

HODDLE FIRES A BLANK

SWINDON 0 LEICESTER 0

GLENN HODDLE'S promise of polished soccer at Swindon failed to come up trumps.

But his master-plan could still work given time.

A goalless bore was hardly the stage for the comeback of one of England's great football craftsmen, but Hoddle need not be down-hearted.

Playing as sweeper, he eased his Swindon side into the new season and there were signs in this opening game of a better future ahead at the County Ground.

Swindon showed more style than new-look Leicester and on their second-half showing should have grabbed a deserved win.

They had City at full stretch but they denied by two brilliant saves from keeper Kevin Poole.

The first was a breathtaking backward leap to push away a

goal-bound drive from Micky Hazard while the second was a last minute finger-tip touch to keep out a cross-hot from Ross MacLaren.

Swindon's total control after the break, inspired by midfielders Hazard and Fitzroy Simpson, gave valuable shooting practice to the home side's strikers but Poole was equal to them all.

But the game nearly backfired on Town

STOCKPORT 5 SWANSEA 0
DANNY BERGARA's Stockport hotshots celebrated their return to the Third Division after 21 years with a five-star showing against the Welsh Cup holders.

☆ Sad Swansea go to Monaco for the European Cup Winners' Cup next month and judging by this shambles it has all the makings of a French farce.

Winger Andy Kilner scored the first of his

when City's Paul Reid grazed the bar.

BEST PLAYER: Hazard.
SWINDON: Digby, Kerlake, Summerbee, Hoddle, Calderwood, Taylor, Hazard, Shearer, Simpson, MacLaren, Mitchell.

LEICESTER: Poole, Mills, Platneur, Fitzpatrick, Smith, James, Gibson, Reid, Ward, Keller, Kilson.

two penalties in the 16th minute after Steve Jenkins handled, Kilner, who had a hand in all five goals, sent in the corner for Bill Williams to head the second six minutes later.

☆ Once 6ft 7in Kevin Francis headed in Kilner's thrown for No.3 there was no way back for Swansea.

Kilner made no mistake from the spot after Chris Beaumont was upended by David Hough and David Frain finished it off eight minutes from time.

WEST BROM 6 EXETER 3

WEST BROM got Alan Ball's career in the Exeter hot seat off to a miserable start.

■ Albion knocked the stuffing out of City

with four goals in 15 second-half minutes.

But hard-working Exeter never gave up and completed a hectic scoring spell with two goals in the last 10 minutes.

■ Craig Shakespeare hit two penalties in the 30th and 45th minute with Mark Cooper on target for Exeter with a marvellous 44th minute shot.

After the break striker Don Goodman

scored twice in the 62nd and 64th minutes.

■ Adrian Foster and substitute Paul Williams both hit well taken goals in the 76th and 77th minutes to make it 6-1 to Bobby Gould's enterprising side.

Steve Moran reduced the arrears with a 52nd minute shot and Gary Marshall made it 6-3 with a goal two minutes later.

Devon's a bit of all White

BRISTOL R 3 IPSWICH 3

TWO late goals from transfer-seeking Devon White gave Rovers boss Martin Dobson a dramatic introduction to Twerton Park.

The giant striker scored in the 72nd minute with a header from Adrian Boothroyd's cross.

Attack

And White stole the show 10 minutes later with a perfect turn and shot to give Rovers a point.

That looked a near impossibility when Ipswich were 3-0 up with just 25 minutes to play.

Rovers went close three times early on.

But Ipswich made the early breakthrough with their first attack.

Jason Dozzell pounced on Andy Reece's backpass and his shot was deflected past Brian Parkin.

Then, nine minutes after the break, Chris Kiwomya set up Paul Goddard from 15 yards.

And Town increased their lead 10 minutes later through Mick Stocwell.

But new boy Marcus Stewart marked his league debut with a 65th minute strike to give Rovers new hope.

BEST PLAYER: White.
ROVERS: Perkin, Alexander, Twentyman, Yates, Mahew, Boothroyd, Evans, Reece, White, Stewart, Pounder.

IPSWICH: Forrest, Yalloe, Thompson, Zondervan, Gayle, Humes, Stocwell, Goddard, Johnson, Dozzell, Kiwomya.



ROBBO ROAR

Taylor's a party pooper

SOUTHEND 1
BRISTOL C. 1

BRISTOL CITY spoiled the party as Southend kicked off in Division Two for the first time in their 85-year history.

■ City striker Bob Taylor struck 12 minutes after the break to pinch a point.

The kick-off was delayed for 15 minutes to allow supporters into the ground.

■ And City soon had to defend desperately as crosses flew in from both flanks.

But City threatened on the break, mainly through lively left winger Dave Smith, while Andy May went close in the 15th minute with a chip which clipped the top of the bar.

■ Southend took the lead after 30 minutes when Brett Angell's fierce shot was parried by Keith Welch and Ian Benjamin pounced.

But City got the equaliser their more cultured and cool-headed soccer deserved after 57 minutes.

■ Kevin O'Callaghan gave away a needless free kick and when the ball was knocked in Taylor swept it low into the corner of the net.

BEST PLAYER: Smith.
SOUTHEND: Sansome, Austin, Powell, Martin, Edwards, Prior, Ansah, Sussex, O'Callaghan, Benjamin, Angell.

BRISTOL CITY: Welch, Llewellyn, Scott, May, Bryant, Aizlewood, Shelton, Rennie, Allison, Taylor, Smith.

Torquay ten 'off' to a flier

TORQUAY 3 HARTLEPOOL 1

TEN-MAN Torquay scored an impressive win over fellow Third Division newcomers Hartlepool after Peter Whiston was sent off after 29 minutes.

By then Torquay

had a two-goal lead. Centre half Matthew Elliott headed them in front from 10 yards in the fourth minute after Mark Loram crossed from the left.

Centre toward Andy Rowland made it 2-0 after 21 minutes with his first goal in League football.

Whiston got his marching orders for a professional foul on David Rush.

But Mark Lorman hit their third from the spot in the 70th minute.

Paul Baker headed Hartlepool's consolation two minutes later.

MAN UNITED 2 NOTTS CO 0

BRYAN ROBSON marked the launch of a new season with a defiant message that he's far from finished.

Captain Marvel thundered home a right-foot volley from 20 yards to clinch a winning start for United.

The Stretford End responded with booming chants of "Robson for England." And the clamour for an England recall for the deposed national skipper will grow if he continues to play like this.

It could be that Robson, 34, has also rediscovered his scoring touch.

He managed only one goal last season, but this was his second in a week. He also scored United's equaliser against the Republic of Ireland in Sir Matt Busby's testimonial.

United also found a new star on the day the Old Trafford crowd saluted an old hero.

Booked

Soviet international Andrie Kanchelskis made his first goal for Mark Hughes and it was his half-cleared corner

in the 57th minute which led to Robson's rocket, which found the back of the net via the underside of the bar.

Outclassed First Division new boys County could have been over-run eventually and they had Craig Short and Charlie Palmer booked as the Reds made a dominant start.

United launched their latest Championship crusade with Old Trafford packed to capacity and 10,000 locked outside.

Also shut out — of the United side — was £1.5m Neil Webb, who couldn't find a place in a

midfield which included the manager's son, Darren Ferguson.

Steve Bruce was far from happy when he wasted United's first chance in the second minute with a free header from Denis Irwin's free kick.

County keeper Steve Cherry then had to make a fine save, robbing Russian Kanchelskis of a debut goal by whipping the ball off his toes after Ferguson had played him into a good position.

But United broke through five minutes from half time, Hughes getting the final touch from close range after Dave Regis's header from a Kanchelskis cross looked like producing an own goal.

BEST PLAYER: Kanchelskis.

MAN UTD: Schmeichel, Irwin, Blackmore, Bruce, Ferguson, Parker, Robson, Ince, McClair, Hughes, Kanchelskis.

NOTTS CO: Cherry, Palmer, Paris, Crain, Short, Yates, O'Riordan, Thomas, Turner, Regis, Draper, Johnson.

Wrexham wrangle

WREXHAM 0

HEREFORD 1

WREXHAM'S ex-Welsh international Joey Jones and Hereford striker Paul Robinson were sent off in the 41st minute after a scuffle.

Simon Brain hea-

ded the winner and then keeper Tony Elliott made a string of brilliant saves to keep Hereford in the match.

Brain had been left completely unmarked at the far post to head home.



BRYAN ROBSON

MAGIC MERSON

ARSENAL 1 QPR 1

PAUL MERSON saved Arsenal's blushes with an equaliser in injury time — but the Gunners looked anything but champions.

Beaten only once in the League all last season, they will not come nearer to defeat and survive as they did on this occasion.

Merson's goal came just when the home fans had given up hope.

It was rough on a lively Rangers side, who never showed any sign of an inferiority complex from start to finish.

They defended with confidence, with giant centre-half Darren Peacock outstanding, even when under siege for most of the second half.

What's more, they smothered Arsenal in

midfield and always looked dangerous on the break.

New manager Gerry Francis will be bitterly disappointed to have victory snatched away from him in such circumstances, but he will be especially delighted that Dennis Bailey scored Rangers' 15th minute goal.

Bailey was Gerry's first signing when he took over as boss, a bargain buy from Birmingham City.

Rangers goal came from their only corner of the first half. As the ball came over from the right Bailey judged his run perfectly to score with a spectacular volley.

And Rangers twice went close to adding a second goal before the interval.

Even Arsenal manager George Graham must have despaired of getting a point as the chances went begging in the second half with Kevin Campbell twice the offender when he should have done much better.

It was a desperate throw as Graham sent on both his substitutes, David Rocastle and Perry Groves, but even they didn't look like doing the trick until, suddenly, golden boy Merson turned up trumps.

BEST PLAYER: Bailey.
ARSENAL: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Miller, O'Leary, Adams, Campbell, Davis, Smith, Merson, Limpar.

QPR: Stojskal, Bardsley, Bravett, Wilkins, Peacock, Maddix, Bailey, Barker, Ferdinand, Wegerle, Tilson.



PAUL MERSON

Willis shows who's boss

BOURNEMOUTH 1 DARLINGTON 2

LUCK and Jim Willis got Darlington off to a flying start in the Third Division.

Lady Luck smiled on the Fourth Division champs when Bournemouth defender Alex Watson turned Gary Gill's cross into his own net in the 47th minute.

But there was nothing fortunate about Willis's strike after 63 minutes. He slid in to net from ten yards from a free kick given when Mark Morris was booked for a foul on Andy

Toman. Striker Jimmy Quinn, one of Bournemouth's five summer signings, went off with a facial injury.

From the free kick Darlington were dawdling when Morris stole in to plant a firm header wide of keeper Mark Prudhoe.

Five players were booked by referee Ron Pawley but Darlington, superbly marshalled in defence by Kevan Smith and Prudhoe, held out with Prudhoe making a superb save.

Cardiff fail

to cash in

CARDIFF 1 LINCOLN 2

CARDIFF owner Rick Wright's promise of a £1 million bonus to the players if they bring success to Ninian Park this season should be immediately used for team strengthening.

They fell behind to a 29th-minute penalty swept home by Matt Carmichael.

And further disaster followed when Lincoln's Paul Dobson shrugged off challenges by Alun Lewis and Mark Jones to prod the ball into the net.

Chris Pike grabbed a consolation.

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**Champions
need some
overtime**



**Royle blues
as Oldham
Kop it...**



**'Judas'
has the
last
laugh**

**Glory
Bhoy
Gary's
dream
start**

GARY GILLESPIE, Glasgow Celtic's ★925,000 buy from Liverpool had a marvellous debut for his new club on Saturday.

He scored his first goal for Celts just nine and a half minutes into his debut.

His strike sent 32,000 Parkhead fans wild and put his side on the road to a comfortable 4-1 win over Falkirk.

★And boss Liam Brady beamed: "He looked like a centre-forward."

"He was very calm and assured from start to finish."

★But it wasn't such a dream start for Rangers' new buy Stuart McCall.

He was booked after a flare-up with Hearts' John Millar and struggled to make an impression as Rangers went down 1-0 to Hearts at Tynecastle.

BUSBY TV CASH ROW

EXCLUSIVE

SIR MATT BUSBY is at the centre of a cash row with TV over his £ 250,000 testimonial.

Angry viewers bombarded Granada TV with calls for not covering the grand old man's benefit match last week.

They didn't know the black-out was caused by a row with one of Sir Matt's own advisers, Colin Barlow, head of his testimonial committee.

Shame

Granada TV claim they were refused access to Manchester United's match with Jack Charlton's Republic of Ireland team and then told they must pay £ 1,000 a minute to tap into the official video of the event.

A spokesman said "We were put in an embarrassing situation. Viewers thought we'd snubbed it."

"But we were told they wanted to video it themselves. And Bar-



United's Mark Hughes

RON ATKINSON came, saw and conquered.

But not before he groaned, sweated and quivered.

Atkinson strode through a mini-demo to re-enter Hillsborough, taunted unmercifully as Aston Villa went two goals down to Sheffield Wednesday, the club he left so controversially after leading them to glory last season.

★But £ 1 million buy Steve Staunton climaxed a brilliant recovery by Villa with a 85th minute goal for a 3-2 victory.

Atky, the man who had been called Judas, joked afterwards: "I don't know anything about asking for police protection, but I tell you what, I wish I was on a crowd bonus. There were 36,000 here today."

★Steve Staunton's old side, Liverpool, also called out the breakdown vehicle. They were spluttering with no-go petrol in their tank against Oldham, back in the first division after 68 years.

Watched by old boss Kenny Dalglish, the new-look Anfield team eventually won 2-1.

Champs Arsenal squeezed through in an 89th equaliser against QPR with Paul Merson taking the shine off Dennis Bailey's daw.

★Gary Lineker who else!, plundered two goals as Spurs started 3-2 at Southampton and new £2 million forward partner Gordon Durie also added his name to the sheet.

Manchester United and Nottingham Forest launched title ambitions with victories.

★Another unhappy seven: Joey Jones (Wrexham), Derek Statham (Walsall), Andy Melville (Oxford), Paul Robinson (Hereford), Mark Hine (Scunthorpe), Peter Whiston (Torquay) and Joe McLaughlin (Watford) were sent off.

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low asked for £ 1,000 a minute. We told him to get stuffed."

And angry head of sports Paul Doherty blasted: "I have a personal regard for Sir Matt. He's the best. But if he'd known about this he would have shuddered."

"It's a great shame. They sought co-operation to publicise the event which we will-

gly gave and then we get this.

Denied

"There are too many people associated with the game for whom



it's just grab, grab all the time. It's pitiful.

But the unrepentant Barlow hit back.

He denied asking £ 1,000 a minute, claimed he was offered only a derisory sum by Granada and said he was willing to talk to them again - for more money.

He said "We decided to film the whole thing, put it on video and give the proceeds

to Sir Matt.

"We were offered £ 50 by Granada as a donation. I didn't accept. The film is now available and I would be happy to talk to them about it in a commercial way."

But the wound is still open. Doherty said tartly: "If Colin Barlow seeks co-operation again, he'd better consider his position."

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